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Conklin on list

Ty Conklin is the latest in a long line of goalies who have saved seasons for the Penguins. **1B**

Flick almost parody

"27 Dresses" is so chock full of romantic-comedy cliches, it almost plays like a parody. **7A**

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Homes needed

Dogs owned by a woman who died in a car fire need new homes. **3A**

Valley Oldies

Old Mon Valley newspapers are an excellent source of history. **3A**

Sweep continues

Monessen police officers and Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office personnel continued a warrant sweep this morning. **5A**

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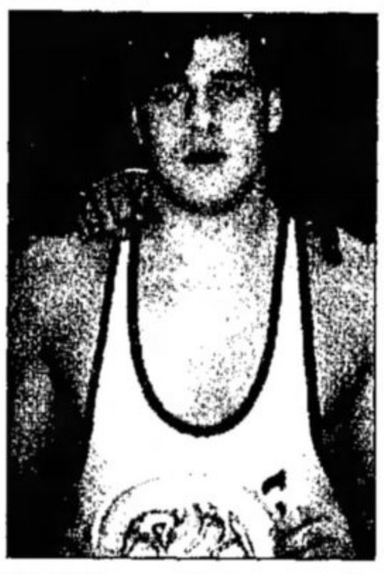

Grillo makes mark

Charleroi Area lost, but senior Dave Grillo became the first Cougar to post 100 victories. **1B**

DEATHS

- Albert Henry Baxter, 89, Monongahela (Carroll Township)
- June Elizabeth Daniels, 82, Charleroi, formerly of Rostraver Township
- Louis Godla, McLean, Va., formerly of Monessen
- Robert C. Jones, 74, Greensburg
- Lois Sampson Healey, 83, Monongahela
- Margaret V. Kurowsky, 90, Albany Health Care, Indiana, formerly of Charleroi
- Ruth E. Nevin, 89, Greensburg, formerly of Elizabeth
- Mary R. Payne, Greendale, Wis., formerly of Donora
- Phyllis Rachael Sackel, 81, Raleigh, N.C., formerly of Dunlevy

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Poll: Economy tops war

Participants are leaning toward candidates John McCain and Hillary Clinton.

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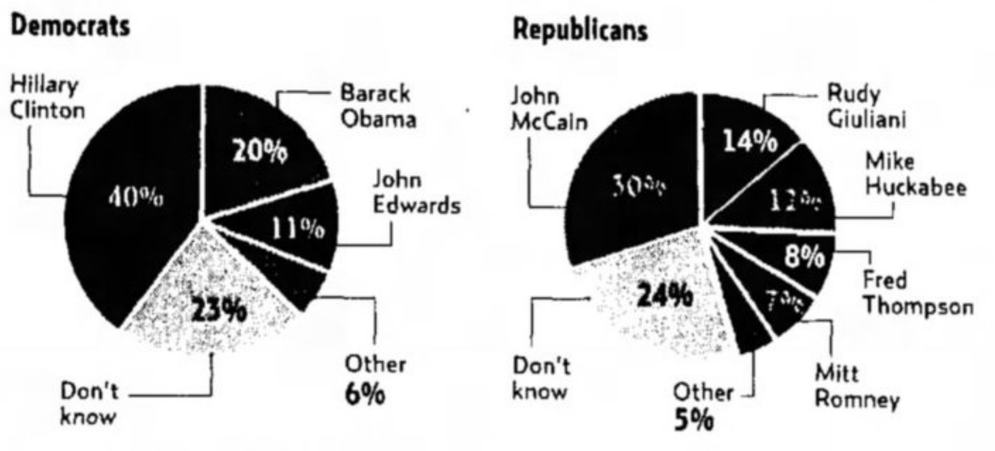

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BOB NEWELL AND CAROLINE HIRT/TRIBUNE-REVIEW

A weakening national economy has overtaken the war in Iraq and homeland security as the top concern of most Pennsylvanians, a statewide poll shows.

In the same poll, Republican John McCain of Arizona surged ahead of Rudy Giuliani, and Democrat Hillary Clinton maintained a wide lead over Barack Obama for their parties' presidential nominations.

Democrats, at 29 percent, and Republicans, at 26 percent, identified the economy as the most important issue. In voters' minds, Clinton, at 27 percent, led all candidates as the person best-suited to deal with the economy. The senator from New York was followed by Sen. Obama, of Illinois, (12 percent), former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney (10 percent) and McCain (8 percent).

"The value of our dollar is dropping, and we have fuel that's going up. That's affecting me on a daily basis," said pipefitter Bob Johnson, 55, of Carrick, a participant in the Tribune-Review/WTAE TV poll conducted by Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster.

In the Republican contest, Sen. McCain, of Arizona, led Giuliani, a former New York mayor, by 30 percent to 14 percent, followed by former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee (12 percent), former U.S. Sen. Fred Thompson, of Tennessee (8 percent), and

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Petaccia gives State of City address

The mayor called for cooperation by elected officials in Monessen.

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MONESSEN – Into his third year as mayor, Anthony Petaccia wants elected officials to continue working together.

During his State of the City address Wednesday, Petaccia highlighted the accomplishments and progress by him and council since he took office in January 2006. Petaccia alluded to a plan he outlined when he ran for office.

Petaccia claimed the following:

JOB CREATION

With the help of Gov. Ed Rendell; state Sen. J. Barry Stout, D-Bentleyville, state Rep. R. Ted Harhai, D-Monessen, and businessman Doug Farnham, the Monessen Industrial Park has doubled in size and jobs.

"The park has 200 jobs currently and two new businesses were created at the park. The number of jobs will increase to 600," Petaccia said. "Over the last several years, many new businesses have opened up in the city."

HOUSING

The second part of the mayor's plan was to developing new areas for affordable housing.

Petaccia said that has occurred on Jefferson Drive, Scenery Boulevard, Balazia Avenue, Sixth Street and Knox Avenue. He said a senior condominium project by Ruth Victoria is in the works.

TAXES

Petaccia's initial plan was to maintain the real estate tax rate. However, council raised the rate last year.

"Unfortunately, you can only go so long without raising taxes," he said. "There is too much that needs to be done to move our city forward, so raising taxes was inevitable. Hopefully, the city will not have to raise taxes over the next five years."

DRUG WAR

Petaccia said the police force, with the help of the state police and the attorney general's office, made 64 drug arrests in 2007. It continues to work with the attorney general's drug task force.

STREET DEPARTMENT

The mayor said council has achieved the goal of buying new equipment.

CITY PARKS

The mayor commended the crew on maintaining parks and said a park committee led by Dr. Martin Dudas will continue that effort.

Petaccia said 2007 was

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Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Murder suspect Joseph John Natale enters the Washington County Courthouse prior to a planned preliminary hearing on criminal homicide and related charges.

Homicide hearing delayed; suspect wants new lawyer

Joseph John Natale stands accused in the death of Amanda Faux.

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WASHINGTON, Pa. – Assistant District Attorney Mike Lucas was prepared to begin a preliminary hearing Wednesday for a man accused of killing his girlfriend in their Charleroi apartment earlier this month.

And Chief Public Defender Glenn Alterio was prepared to represent Joseph John Natale, 28, of 213 Fifth St., Apt. 3G, in the hearing scheduled in Central Court.

But Natale, accused in the death of Amanda Faux, 22, had other ideas, asking for, and ultimately receiving, a continuance so he could hire a private attorney from Pittsburgh.

Magisterial District Judge David Mark granted the request after leaving the courtroom briefly to call attorney David DeFazio. Natale said his parents contacted DeFazio Tuesday about representation.

"This is the first time I've heard about this," Lucas said.

Natale said he expected to meet with DeFazio today in the Washington County Correctional Facility, where he is being held without bond.

Natale gave Mark the attorney's telephone number, and the judge left the courtroom to call DeFazio.

Upon his return, Mark rescheduled the hearing for Jan. 23. But Lucas said Dr. A. Shakir, the forensic pathologist who performed the autopsy on the victim, would not available that date. Mark tentatively set the preliminary hearing for Jan. 30, provided the attorney was available.

Police charged Natale Jan. 8 with criminal homicide, aggravated assault and abuse of a corpse.

Natale was charged shortly after he surrendered to state police at the barracks in Rostraver Township.

Faux's nude body was found Jan. 6 in a dumpster in an alley near the apartment complex.

Natale and Faux began dating shortly after they met about four months ago, authorities believe.

Witnesses told police the couple were still moving into the apartment the evening of Jan. 5, when they attended a party in apartment complex. They were arguing when they left the party.

According to an affidavit of probable cause, one witness told police he "heard banging and slamming sounds coming from Apt. 3G as well as sounds like Amanda Faux being choked.

Soon after, Apt. 3G fell silent.

Several family members of the victim were in the courtroom and spoke privately with Lucas as well as Charleroi and state police.

Asked if they wanted to comment, one woman – who identified herself only as a family member – said they did not at this time.

Ringgold will review attendance policy

Denise Kuhn wants the job to be completed before the next school year.

By JEFF OLIVER
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NEW EAGLE – The Ringgold School District plans to update its student attendance policy.

At a meeting Wednesday, board President Denise Kuhn recommended the district develop a new attendance policy so that it can be placed in the student handbook for the 2008-09 school year.

Kuhn said that other district policies outlined in the booklet should be reviewed in the near future as several could be "outdated."

Director Chuck Smith said he thought the board formed a committee several years ago to study policies every so often and update them when needed.

"We need to check out other potentially outdated policies, but we have to start with the attendance policy," Kuhn said.

Kuhn said that Superintendent Gary Hamilton and solicitor Timothy Berggren should meet with teachers involved in the attendance policy to put together a new one.

The attendance policy was last updated in 2001.

Hamilton told Kuhn a meeting set today between some teachers and administrators, which will provide an opportunity to discuss, among other topics, the attendance policy.

VALLEY PEOPLE

Ringgold project causes concerns

School director Don Bartoe said he fears future problems.

By JEFF OLIVER
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NEW EAGLE – Several Ringgold school directors expressed concern about a potential drainage problem at an expansive improvements project at Gastonville Elementary School.

Director Don Bartoe raised concerns about a parking lot Wednesday as the board discussed a $7,867.80 payment to Morgan Excavating for work at Gastonville and the administration building in New Eagle.

Bartoe asked if the money would be the final payment and he was told it was not. Bartoe said final payment should not be made until the district is satisfied with the work at Gastonville.

Bartoe said it appears there will be a water runoff issue at the site, which could threaten the longevity of the recently paved lot.

He was told the work was performed according to specifications developed by architect HHSDR.

"If the architect tells us that everything was done correctly, then I'm OK with that," Bartoe said. "But I don't want us looking at a problem two-three years down the road with a cracked parking lot."

Bartoe and other members of the facilities committee were invited to meet with the architects 1 p.m. today to discuss concerns.

Meanwhile, the board approved an agreement to have a cell tower built on property near Finley Middle School. The project would provide for the district $900 per month with a 15 percent increase for each additional five-year agreement in the future.

The district is mulling closure of Finley Middle School and construction of a new middle school elsewhere.

Solicitor Timothy Berggren noted that if the school is razed, the immediate property where the cell tower is built will be encumbered.

Board President Denise Kuhn said if the school is razed she wants the district to maintain possession of the property for use by district taxpayers and students.

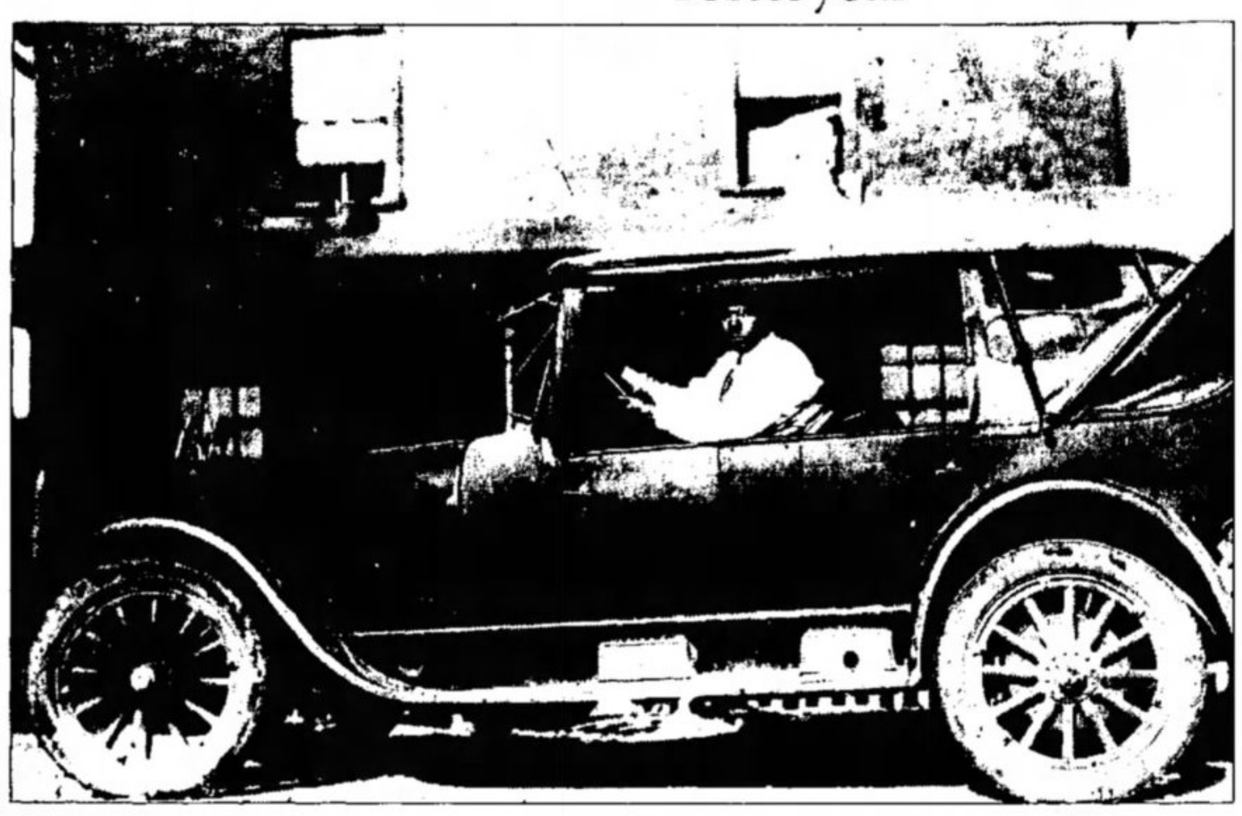
Superintendent Gary Hamilton added that the district can enter into a similar contract for another cell tower on district property in Ginger Hill.

Such an agreement could bring further money to the district, Hamilton said.

In other business, the board:

- Accepted the resignation of computer teacher Jeremy Bryson;
- Hired Bret Boyd as bus driver for a new run approved in December;
- Approved the pre-kindergarten program for 2008 and decided to move ahead with hiring teachers and aides for the summer program;
- Approved giving the district's three nurse's aides two sick days and one personal day per year with the option of carrying over such days to a maximum of 50 days.

Yesteryear



Former Monessen resident Herbert Flythe is shown in Conway, N.C., before he moved to the Mid-Mon Valley. He died here in 1964 at age 64. The photo was submitted by his daughter, Monessen native Betty McWilliams, who still resides in the city.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 32 Low 20	High 25 Low 10	High 10 Low 5	High 22 Low 10	High 32 Low 15

Fed chief could back stimulus plan

Both Congress and the White House are eager to bolster the economy.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Faced with a deteriorating economy, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke has indicated he is open to congressional and White House efforts to develop a rescue package to avert a recession.

The fragile state of the economy has gripped Wall Street and Main Street and is a rising concern among voters. The situation has galvanized politicians – including those vying to be the next president – and poses the biggest test to Bernanke, who took over the Fed nearly two years ago.

Much attention will be focused on Bernanke's testimony today before the House Budget Committee for insights into what can be done to help blunt the ill effects of a deep housing slump and a credit crisis.

The big worry is that those problems will force consumers to clamp down on their spending and businesses to put a lid on hiring, sending the economy into a nosedive. Joint Economic Committee Chairman Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said he had spoken with Bernanke on Monday and that the Fed chairman was "generally supportive" of lawmakers and Bush passing a stimulus bill.

"He said that while he wasn't going to endorse a specific plan, if an economic stimulus package was properly designed and enacted so that it enters the economy quickly, it could have a very positive effect on the economy," Schumer said.

With the economy suffering, one of President Bush's first acts after returning to Washington Wednesday evening from the Middle East was to be a conference call Thursday with congressional leaders in both parties to discuss a possible short-term stimulus package.

For the Fed's part, Bernanke pledged last week to aggressively slash a key interest rate as needed to bolster the economy. Many economists believe the Fed will lower its key rate, now at 4.25 percent, by a bold half-percentage point at its next meeting on Jan. 30. The Fed cut rates three times last year, starting in September. But some critics on Wall Street and elsewhere have been critical of Bernanke for not taking action sooner and more forcefully.

Last week, Bernanke signaled he was open to additional help from the Democratic-controlled Congress and the White House.

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Finding Solutions for Care Givers TRIB

Petaccia (FROM PAGE ONE)

successful in terms of its grant allocations.

The Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corp. is paying $60,675 through a grant to construct a Monessen Riverfront Walk park in the industrial park. It will feature a picnic area.

The mayor said the city has received the following grants through Stout and Harhai:

- $25,000 for the city building for computer equipment and a compressor jack for the street department.
- $25,000 for five video surveillance cameras for city parks.
- $25,000 for the Jefferson Drive sewage project.
- $100,000 for the Grand Boulevard paving project. Paving for the first section will start in March.
- $125,000 for a boat dock. Former Councilwoman Mary Jo Smith coordinated the effort, which should be completed by May.
- $25,000 provided by U.S. Rep. John P. Murtha, D-Johnstown, for the police department. The police also received a grant for Tasers and $5,000 for a K-9 dog.

Petaccia said he and council are working with the Governor's Action Team on a Downtown Revitalization Plan that includes remodeling the city building, razing dilapidated buildings and paving roads in the downtown business district.

"I feel that we are making some strides in the right direction, but obviously we need much more," Petaccia said.

"Let's continue to work together to achieve our goals and keep Monessen moving forward."

Council will meet 5:30 p.m. Monday for a special meeting to open the 2008 budget.

Poll (FROM PAGE ONE)

Romney (7 percent), according to the poll.

Support for Guiliani appears to have eroded. In August, a Franklin & Marshall poll identified him as leading McCain 32 percent to 19 percent.

In the Democrat race, Clinton led with 40 percent to 20 percent for Obama, and 11 percent for former U.S. Sen. John Edwards, of North Carolina. The Clinton-Obama race was virtually unchanged from August.

Voters were more likely to identify McCain with homeland security and foreign policy than with domestic economic issues. Perhaps playing to McCain's strength was voters' view of the war in Iraq. Fifty-one percent of voters said the war is going either "very" or "fairly" well, while 47 percent said it is going "not too well" or "not well at all." Two percent had no opinion.

"McCain's rise in the poll is similar to his rise nationally, aided by the tremendous exposure he got from winning the New Hampshire primary," said pollster G. Terry Madonna, director of Franklin & Marshall's Center for Politics and Public Affairs.

The poll of 627 registered voters, with a margin of error of 3.9 percentage points, was conducted from Jan. 8 to Monday, shortly after McCain's victory in New Hampshire but before Tuesday's Michigan primary, which Romney won handily.

Poll participant Harry Brooks, 61, of Ligonier, said Romney would be his choice as president in tough economic times.

"McCain is sort of Republican 'Lite.' Romney comes from a business background. Anybody with business sense can see this country is a business," Brooks, an engineer who usually votes Republican, said in a follow-up interview.

Soaring energy prices and recession fears are contributing to a sense of malaise, Madonna said.

"It's clear that the voters are moving away from the primacy of the Iraq war and moving into a phase where the economy may be the overriding issue in the election," he said.

Poll participant Alice Kendra, 71, a Democrat from Fallowfield Township, said Clinton's experience in government and as being the wife of a former president gives her an advantage for tackling economic problems.

"We're senior citizens, and we're finding it very difficult to live on what we're used to living on," said Kendra, who listed the economy as her top concern.

"With the higher prices of gasoline, we restrict our trips anywhere.

With the higher price of gas to heat our home, we've turned down the thermostat, and we're dressing warmer."

Although Clinton ranked highest in the poll on the perception of which candidate would make strengthening the economy a priority, Madonna suggested her 2-1 advantage over Obama could vanish in Pennsylvania before the April 22 primary.

"Once a focus comes on a state and they begin campaigning, I think her lead dissipates," Madonna said. "I still think there is plenty of room for Obama to grow in the state."

A close look at the numbers suggests the race could tighten, he said. Forty percent of poll participants viewed Clinton favorably, compared to 43 percent who held an unfavorable opinion of her. Obama's favorable rating was 41 percent, while his unfavorable rating was just 27 percent.

With a Republican in the White House, a troubled economy helps Democrats more than Republicans in the presidential race, Madonna said.

Joseph DiSarro, who chairs the political science department at Washington & Jefferson College, said a souring economy could favor a maverick in either party.

"When an economic downturn occurs like this, voters are not going for the establishment candidates," he said.

Among Democrats, that could benefit Obama, who has sought to position himself as a candidate of "change," DiSarro said.

On the Republican side, it could help Huckabee, who is calling for major changes in the tax structure, and McCain because "he's viewed as a maverick candidate," DiSarro said.

Valley briefs

Monessen man gets 10 years for drugs

A Monessen man was convicted in federal court for drug and firearms violations.

Jeston L. Hall, 25, of 651 S. 14th St., was sentenced to 10 years in jail, followed by four years of supervised release by U.S. District Judge Maurice B. Cohill.

Hall was charged Nov. 6, 2006, with possession with intent to distribute more than 5 grams of crack cocaine while possessing two guns.

Donora man bound for jail

A Donora man will serve jail time for several criminal cases against him.

Brian Lyon II, 26, of 1079 Marelda Ave., avoided a jury trial that was scheduled to begin Monday in Washington County Court after he decided to plead no contest to charges of persons not to possess firearms and firearms not to be carried.

The charges stem from a Sept. 9, 2005, incident on McKean Avenue, Donora.

Lyon then pleaded guilty receiving stolen property, loitering/prowling at night and DUI from three separate criminal cases.

Judge Paul Pozonsky sentenced him to 18 to 36 months in jail followed by two years on state probation in exchange for his pleas.

S. Huntingdon man convicted of rape

A South Huntingdon man was convicted of molesting a 14-year-old girl after a three-day trial that ended Wednesday.

After four hours of deliberations, a Westmoreland County jury found David Calcagni, 50, guilty of rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and other related charges in connection with having improper sexual contact with the girl at least two times in 2006.

Calcagni, who had been free on $50,000 bond prior to his trial, was ordered to prison by Westmoreland County Judge John Blahovec.

Assistant District Attorney Barbara Jollie said Calcagni faces at least 15 years behind bars when he is sentenced in three months.

Defense attorney Brian Aston promised to appeal the conviction.

Council reorganizes in Belle Vernon

At its reorganization meeting earlier this month, Belle Vernon Borough Council filled the following positions:

- Council president, Verne Horan.
- Chairman of streets and sewage committee, Ray Frederick Sr.; committee members Michael Frederick and Pete Bitonti.
- Chairman of fire department committee, Michael Frederick; committee members Rich Saxberg and Ray Frederick Sr.
- Chairman of finance committee, Bitonti; committee members Saxberg and Joe Minniti.
- Chairman of police and safety committee, Saxberg; committee members Minniti and Edward Stasko.
- Chairman of parks and recreation committee, Stasko; committee members Michael Frederick and Bitonti.
- At its regular meeting Monday, the board named Minniti chairman of the sanitation committee, with committee members Ray Frederick Sr. and Stasko.

Barry Reeger/For The Valley Independent

The Pet Adoption League of Yukon is seeking donations or foster homes for the eight dogs that were taken from the home of Susan J. Mongell after her death Monday in a vehicle fire in front of her house in Dunbar Township. These two border collie mixes were among the pets owned by Mongell, a former California University of Pennsylvania professor. To donate dog food or to offer a dog a foster home, call The Pet Adoption League at (724) 722-3670.

Conservative Episcopal bishop could face disciplinary action

Pittsburgh-based Robert Duncan may be barred from performing religious duties later this year.

By The Associated Press

An Episcopal committee says that conservative Pittsburgh Bishop Robert Duncan has "abandoned the communion of this church," a potential first step toward stripping him of religious authority in the denomination, but blocked the national Episcopal Church from imposing the penalty of "inhibition," which would have barred him from performing religious duties.

But the Episcopal House of Bishops is expected to consider imposing the punishment later this year.

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, who notified Duncan that he had abandoned the communion on Tuesday, told him that she sought permission to inhibit him.

"I would, however, welcome a statement by you within the next two months providing evidence that you once more consider yourself fully subject to the doctrine, discipline and worship of this Church," Jefferts Schori wrote to Duncan.

In a statement, Duncan said he has been "loyal to the doctrine, discipline and worship of The Episcopal Church."

"I will continue to serve and minister as the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh," he said.

The Pittsburgh diocese, which includes Washington, Westmoreland, Fayette, Allegheny and seven other counties, and Duncan are among the more vocal conservatives who believe that the Episcopal Church - the Anglican body in the U.S. - is abandoning the authority of Scripture and traditional teachings on truth, salvation and homosexuality.

In 2003, the Episcopal Church consecrated the first openly gay bishop, V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire.

A majority of the 77-million-member Anglican Communion believes the Bible bars gay relationships, while a majority in the Episcopal Church does not.

"The charge, essentially, is that he has effectively left the church, which he wants to do," said Lionel Deimel, a board member of Progressive Episcopalians of Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Diane Shepard, the group spokesman, said it hopes the church's canonical procedures will clarify issues in the Pittsburgh diocese.

"Whether he can resume his role in The Episcopal Church or must relinquish it, we pray that he finds a way to serve Christ's Church in peace," she said.

About 60 of the more than 7,000 Episcopal parishes have either split from the national church or suffered serious membership losses in the past few years.

Alternative school gets new home

Agape Day Treatment Center to use temporary digs until furnace woes are resolved.

By STACY WOLFORD
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MONESSEN – Students at an alternative school in the city will be temporarily moved into vacant space at the Mon Valley Community Health Center.

The Agape Day Treatment Center had been located at the former Washington Elementary School, which was closed due to heating problems in the century-old building.

Agape assistant director Jack Howell said the students have been taking classes at the health center annex, located at Eastgate 11, since November.

Howell said officials at the Mon Valley Health and Welfare Authority, which manages the health center property, volunteered space rent free at Eastgate 11 for two months.

"We really appreciate what they did for us and are very grateful," said Howell, who also serves on the Monessen School Board.

Howell said Agape will transfer classes from Eastgate 11 to the main health center building next week and will pay to lease that space.

Authority Executive Director Larry Bender said the lease arrangement and fees are still being negotiated.

"We're just happy we were able to help them," Bender said.

Howell said Agape officials plan to move classes back into the center, located at Ninth and Summit avenues, once the furnace is repaired.

He said initial estimates are "hundreds of thousands of dollars" to repair the heating system.

The old school was built in 1914.

There are about 40 students from the Mid-Mon Valley and around the region who attend school at Agape.

Howell said the majority of the students are transferred there by their home school districts.

Agape is funded by the districts who utilize its services.

Agape will join the state Department of Health, Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Westmoreland County Drug and Alcohol Commission at the main health center building.

The Eastgate 11 annex is occupied by the Greater Monessen Chamber of Commerce, Simply Kids Daycare and offices for the Mon Valley branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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History comes alive in newspaper archives

Ron **PAGLIA**

It wasn't long ago that we discussed the historical value of the many community newspapers that once existed in the Mid-Mon Valley.

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of Arlene Githens, of Belle Vernon, we have more examples of that.

Githens sent several copies of newspapers from the past as well as *The Valley Independent* that offer excellent history lessons. To wit:

The Charleroi Mail November 30, 1934

■ Donora and Monessen were the big winners in traditional Thanksgiving Day games on the scholastic football front yesterday. Coach Jimmy Russell's Dragons stunned previously unbeaten and unscored upon Monongahela, 18-0, to clinch the Mon Valley Conference championship. *The Mail* called Donora's effort "the finest exhibition of football in the Valley this season." Fullback Steve Posey scored two touchdowns and end Jimmy Totedo had the other six-pointer for the Dragons. John P. "Moon" Clark was Russell's assistant. At Tin Plate Field in Monessen, Coach Preston Ditty's Greyhounds clinched the victory early as Captain DeAngelis bulled into the end zone after taking a pass from Jimmy Baker with only six minutes gone in the second period. Monessen added a safety later in the quarter.

■ Sun Drug Store, 429 McKean Ave., Charleroi, touted such cut-rate specials as Bayer Aspirin, box of 100, 50 cents; Gloco Hair Dressing, small size, 47 cents, and Sloan's Liniment, 24 cents.

Belle Vernon Enterprise November 26, 1941

■ California State Teachers College's basketball team was preparing for a grinding 22-game schedule that included Pitt, Thiel, Fairmont, Frostburg and St. Vincent as well as conference opponents. Dr. Theodore A. Siedle, dean of instruction at CSTC, was the Vulcans' coach. Area players on his squad were Leon Huttner and Thomas Turnbull, both of Charleroi; John Utterback, of Speers; James Clutter, of Monongahela; Thomas Underwood, James Mooney and John Labeka, all of Monessen; Robert Frye, Stanley Volkavich and Archie Harris, all of California, and Thomas Edwards, of Richeyville. Clutter was California's leading scorer in 1940-41.

Daily Independent October 3, 1955

■ City Councilman John E. Kotch Jr. cut the ribbon to formally open a new clubhouse built by Monessen Volunteer Fire Department Hose House No. 2 on Grand Boulevard. A large crowd was on hand for the ceremonies that climaxed the fire company's building program

■ New "drive-in" banking facilities were installed by the Monessen office of Mellon National Bank & Trust Company. According to John R. Abernathy, assistant vice president and manager, the new service will permit customers to make deposits and withdrawals without getting out of their cars. Located at the side of the bank office in the one-way alley running between Donner and Schoonmaker avenues, the new window included "the latest in drive-in banking equipment."

■ California police Chief Robert E. Elliott reported an investigation was continuing into weekend burglaries the Moose Club on Third Street and the Eagles Club at Second Street and Liberty Avenue. Elliott said burglars entered the Moose through a side window, broke open vending machines and stole about $25 in change. At the Eagles, the burglars tried to force open four windows before finally breaking a lock on the fifth. Once inside, they smashed a cigarette machine and absconded with an undetermined amount of change.

The Valley Independent April 3, 1969

■ California High School baseball coach Budd Grebb accepted a position as coach-counselor at Villanova basketball mentor Jack Kraft's summer camp near Philadelphia this year. Others on the staff included Buzz Ridl, of Pitt, and Johnny Dee, of Notre Dame.

■ California State College's baseball Vulcans throttled Rensselaer Tech of Troy, N.Y., 8-1, in the opening round of the annual Fort Bragg tournament in Fayetteville, N.C. Don Roberts, of Charleroi, and Joe Brannagan and Denny Brown collected eight hits among them for Coach Mitch Bailey's crew, with Brannagan getting two doubles and a single, Roberts a double and two singles, and Brown a double and a single. Veteran righthander Chuck Broadwater, a 6-2 junior from Mather, pitched a two-hitter for the Vulcans, striking out nine and issuing only two walks.

■ Charleroi Elks Lodge 494 was preparing for its annual installation ceremonies. Albert Protin was to be installed as exalted ruler, while others set to take office were Gilbert G. Lee Jr., Joseph A. Allfree, Warren A. Herilla, David R. Moody, Walter L. Stroud, Herbert Goaziou Jr., Steven Stepanian, Jack Barcelona Jr., Barry J. Marshall and Emil Levkulich.

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DEATH NOTICES

BAXTER — Albert H. Baxter, 89, of Monongahela (Carroll Township), on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

DANIELS — June E. Daniels, 82, of Charleroi, on Thursday, Jan. 17. James C. Stump Funeral Home Inc., Rostraver.*

GISHNOCK — Ernest P. Gishnock, 55, of Donora, on Monday, Jan. 14. Paul Macik Funeral Home, Donora.*

GODLA — Louis Godla, of McLean, Va., formerly of Monessen, on Monday, Jan. 14. Murphy Falls Church Funeral Home, Falls Church, Va.*

HEALEY — Lois Healey, 83, of Monongahela, on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

JONES — Robert C. Jones, 74, of Greensburg, on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Barnhart Funeral Home, Greensburg.*

KUROWSKY — Margaret V. Kurowsky, 90, of Indiana, formerly of Charleroi, on Tuesday, Jan. 15. MJS Mortuaries, Redkey.*

NEVIN — Ruth E. Nevin, 89, of Greensburg, formerly of Elizabeth, on Wednesday, Jan. 16. Kepple-Graft Funeral Home Inc., Greensburg.*

PAYNE — Mary R. Payne, 82, of Greendale, Wis., formerly of Donora, on Wednesday, Dec. 19. William R. Taylor Funeral Home, Monessen.*

RYGIEL — Erma M. Rygiel, 91, of Fayette City, on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Eley/McCrory Funeral Home Inc., Fayette City.*

SACKEL — Phyllis R. Sackel, 81, of Raleigh, N.C., formerly of Dunlevy, on Sunday, Jan. 13.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
BELLICINI, Andre A.*
NUTTING, Bernice G.*
STASKO, Mary W.*
*** See death notice**

Phyllis R. Sackel
Raleigh, N.C.
Formerly of Dunlevy

Phyllis Rachael Sackel, 81, of Raleigh, N.C., passed away Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008, just one month shy of her 82nd birthday. She was born in Dunlevy on Feb. 13, 1926, the daughter of the late Edward and Margaret Cowell and one of seven brothers and sisters. Mrs. Sackel lived most of her life in the Monongahela Valley. She moved with her late husband, Leonard, to be close to her son and daughter-in-law in Raleigh, N.C. The Monongahela River played an important role in her life. Summers were spent at the family riverside camp. She also worked on the river for the Dravo Barge Co., where she met her husband. Mrs. Sackel loved to travel, gamble at casinos, play cards, all things Elvis, attend Broadway plays, cook; and in later years joined local exercise clubs, often outdoing some of the younger women. She is survived by her only child, Gary Cappy, and daughter-in-law, Miriam; one sister, Frances Klasan; three brothers, Tom Cowell, James Cowell, Bob Cowell and sister-in-law Bunny; as well as many nieces and nephews throughout the country. The family would like to thank relatives and friends for their love and concern and especially thank the staff at WakeMed (Raleigh) for their compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to: WakeMed Foundation, 3000 New Bern Ave., Raleigh, N.C. 27610; telephone, 919-350-7656. The family will receive friends at the home on Sunday, Jan. 20, between 2 and 4 p.m. A Pennsylvania memorial will be planned for a future date. Arrangements by the Cremation Society of the Carolinas, Inc. On-line condolences may be sent to www.cremnc.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mary R. Payne
Greendale, Wis.
Formerly of Donora

Mary R. Payne was reunited with her loving husband, Ulice Payne Sr., on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at her home in Greendale, Wis. A daughter of the late Addison and Blanche Alexander Ross, Mrs. Payne was born in Donora on April 23, 1925. She graduated from Donora High School in 1943 and enjoyed 23 years of employment at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, from which she retired in 1988. While living in western Pennsylvania, she was very active in several community and charitable organizations, including: Donora Youth Athletic Association, Donora Boosters Club (past president), William E. Owens Post No. 695 American Legion Auxiliary (past president), Tri-County Council of American Legion Auxiliary (past secretary) and Star of Bethlehem Chapter No. 34 Order of Eastern Star. From childhood, she was a member of and attended St. Paul Baptist Church in Donora. After moving to the Milwaukee, Wis., area, Mrs. Payne remained active, working for Sears, State Financial/Associated Bank and Esquire Petroleum. She was a member of the southwest YMCA and an active participant in the "Silver Sneakers" and "Red Hat" programs. Mrs. Payne was an active member of Community Baptist Church and its Nursing Ministry and Women's Choir. She was an active "cheerleader" for the St. Matthias Bulldogs and the University School Wildcats basketball teams. She is survived by two sons, S. Bernard and Ulice Jr.; one daughter-in-law, Carmella; two grandchildren, Amber and Ulice III; two sisters, Susan Ross Hunter and Loretta (Ross) Manus; two brothers, Ernest Ross and James "Moony" Locker (adopted); one brother-in-law, J.C. Payne; two sisters-in-law, Marilyn Ross and Julia Payne; nieces, Theresa Grogan, Patricia Morris, Julia Chapman, Blanche Meggett, Dorothy Kerner, Donna Rush, Loretta Bellany, Charlene Ross and Nikia Hall; nephews, David Hunter III, J.P. Payne Jr., Ernest Ross Jr., Charles Jones Jr. and Vincent Ross; grand-nieces, Erin Kerner, Jillian Negy, Chaneta Ross, Elita Ross, Addison Hall and Mallory Jones; grand-nephews, Christopher Grogan, Charles Rush and Morgan Jones; godson, Rev. Kaiser Jones Jr., of Columbus, Ohio. In addition to her husband and parents, Mrs. Payne was preceded in death by one sister, Ruth Louise Ross Wilson; and three brothers, Roscoe "Rambler" Ross, Kenneth "Whisper" Ross and Charles "Heavyhead" Ross. A memorial service in celebration of Mrs. Payne's life will be held Saturday, Jan. 19, at 11 a.m. in St. Paul Baptist Church, South McKean Avenue, Donora. In additions to Mrs. Payne's sons, Bernard and Ulice, remarks will be offered by the Rev. Joseph Oppong, parochial vicar, Our Lady of the Valley Parish; the Rev. Dennis Garner, pastor, St. Paul Baptist Church; the Rev. Leroy Harris, pastor, Mt. Sinai Church, Charleroi; and the Rev. Kaiser James, pastor, Refuge Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. Arrangements are being handled by the WILLIAM R. TAYLOR FUNERAL HOME, 645 McMahon Ave., Monessen (724-684-4877); Trudy Taylor-Bristol, director/supervisor in charge.

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Albert H. Baxter
Carroll Township

Albert Henry Baxter, 89, of Monongahela (Carroll Township), died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, in Monongahela Valley Hospital. He was born Sept. 30, 1918, in Monongahela, a son of the late Thomas E. and Jennie Bautz Baxter. He was a very active member of First Baptist Church in Monongahela and its Men's Class. He also was a former deacon and trustee. Mr. Baxter was retired from Prudential Insurance Company as an agent, working primarily in the Mon Valley area. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, having served as a technical sergeant with the 774th Tank Battalion, and a member of the Carroll American Legion James C. Ford Post No. 949 in Dunkirk. Mr. Baxter's passions were hunting and fishing. He is survived by his wife, Wilda Cola Baxter, with whom he celebrated 61 years of marriage on May 18, 2007; three daughters, Donna (Richard) Kemp, of Pleasant Hills, and Carol Baxter and Darla (David) Kearns, all of Monongahela; seven grandchildren, Kimberly (Paul) King, Marc Sylvester, Jamie, David II and Aaron Kearns, and Morgan and Madison Baxter; two great-grandchildren, Vanessa and William Albert Baxter King; one brother, Thomas E. (Dorothy) Baxter, of New Eagle; three sisters, Catherine Liparulo, Rose (Daniel) Gust and Doris (H. Lee) Buell, all of Monongahela. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, James and Paul Baxter; and six sisters, Eugenia Baxter, Elizabeth Henderson, Colleen Tosi, Ella Mae Good, Martha Frye and Bertha Bozovich. Friends will be received Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela (724-258-6136). Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 19, at 11 a.m. in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mark Schollaert officiating. Interment will follow with full military rites accorded by the Monongahela Firing Squad and Honor Guard. Memorial contributions may be made to: First Baptist Church, 601 West Main St., Monongahela, Pa. 15063.

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Andre A. Bellicini
Monongahela

Andre A. Bellicini, 95, of Monongahela, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, in Mon Valley Care Center, Carroll Township. Born June 6, 1912, in Bologna, France, he was a son of the late Giacomo and Stephenina Cattaneo Bellicini. He began working for the Bethlehem Coal Co. at their Ellsworth Mine and for Pittsburgh Coal at their Mathies and Montour No. 4 mines until his retirement in 1969. Mr. Bellicini was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Monongahela and a 50-year member of the Henry M. Philips Masonic Lodge No. 337 in Monongahela, the Monongahela Royal Arch Chapter 249 and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Pittsburgh. He also was very active in the Monongahela Senior Center and enjoyed going to the Mon Valley YMCA. Mr. Bellicini was a certified First Aid instructor for the American Red Cross and Pittsburgh Coal Co. He is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, John A. and Joy Bellicini, of Monongahela, Pierre A. and Loretto Bellicini, of Erie, and Andre A. II and Olga Bellicini, of Lititz; one daughter, Michele R. Sweeney, of Monongahela; three brothers, Anthony Bellicini, of Monessen, and Paul and Michael Bellicini, both of Bentleyville; 10 grandchildren, Lynn C. Keddal-Bradshaw, R. Scott Keddal, Dr. Nicholas A., Dr. Christopher J., Cari, Zachary, Alex and Lilly Bellicini, Elise Bellicini-Roemer, and Patrick M. and Lauren E. Sweeney; five great-grandchildren, Laurie Hagman, Lee Bradshaw, and Kayla, Kendyl and Brynne Roemer. Preceding him in death was his wife, Clotilde (Brunella) Bellicini; a daughter, Norine E. Keddal; two brothers, Dominick and Leo Bellicini; and a son-in-law, Robert M. Keddal. Friends will be received in the MARSHALL MARRA FUNERAL HOME, 216 Chess St., Monongahela (724-258-6767), from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. EVERYONE IS ASKED TO GO DIRECTLY to Grace Lutheran Church, 911 Howard St., Monongahela, on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 10:30 a.m. for 11 a.m. services with the Rev. Raymond Ursin officiating. Entombment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Ernest P. Gishnock
Donora

Ernest P. Gishnock, 55, of Donora, passed away Monday, Jan. 14, 2008, at his residence. He was born in Brownsville on Aug. 6, 1952, a son of the late Joseph E. and Mary D. Bohatch Gishnock. He was employed as a crane operator with USX Steel, Irvin Works. Ernest was a member of the Charleroi Sportsmen's Club and loved to ride his Harley Davidson with his brothers. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Takach Gishnock, on Nov. 11, 2005. Survivors include his children, Terri (Todd) Link, of Canonsburg, Tina Evans and fiance, David Neczypir, of Carnegie, Rachel Eileen Cunningham, of Uniontown, and Nikolai (Belinda) Gishnock, of Alexandria, Va.; four brothers, Edward (Jackie) Gishnock, and Mark Gishnock, all of Fayette City, Gregory (Debbie) Gishnock, of Belle Vernon, and Danny (Lisa) Gishnock, of Filbert; grandchildren, Delania and Todd Link, and Alysia and Chloe Neczypir; his former spouse, Gloria Jean Shamsi; and several nieces and nephews. Friends will be received in the PAUL MACIK FUNERAL HOME, 546 Thompson Ave., Donora (724-379-7000), on Thursday, Jan. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. A Blessing Service will be held in the funeral home on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 9:30 a.m., followed by funeral services in St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church, Donora, at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Stephen Wahal officiating.

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Louis Godla
McLean, Va.
Formerly of Monessen

Louis Godla, of McLean, Va., formerly of Monessen, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2008. He was a graduate of Monessen High School, class of 1942. He is survived by his wife, Patricia J. Godla; two children, Carol (Joe) Zokaites and Larry (Jean) Godla; one brother, Frank Godla; and six grandchildren, Daniel, Russ, Bobby, Erin, Shelby and Brian. Friends may call at MURPHY FALLS CHURCH FUNERAL HOME, 1102 West Broad St., Route 7, Falls Church, Va., (703-533-0341), from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Services will be held Friday, Jan. 18, at 11 a.m. in Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, followed by interment in Lewinsville Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org

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Ruth E. Nevin
Greensburg
Formerly of Elizabeth

Ruth E. Nevin, 89, of Greensburg, formerly of the Elizabeth and Monongahela areas, died on her birthday, Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at Redstone Highlands, Greensburg. She was born Jan. 16, 1919, in Elizabeth, the daughter of the late James Gordon Nevin Sr. and Mary Sloss Nevin. She was a 1936 graduate of Elizabeth High School, a 1940 graduate of Slippery Rock University with a B.S. degree in health and physical education and earned a master's of education degree in 1948 from the University of Pittsburgh. A retired teacher of 35 years of service at Monongahela High School (now Ringgold School District), she had been a member of various professional and civic organizations on a national, state and local level. Prior to moving to Greensburg in 1986, she was an active member of Bethesda United Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth. In Greensburg, she was a member of First Presbyterian Church and was active with the Presbyterian Women, Lois Circle, Strock Bible Class, Highlanders and the Mission Committee. She is survived by a brother, J. Gordon Nevin, of Scottdale; a sister, Doris E. Nevin, of Greensburg; 10 nieces and nephews; 31 great-nieces and -nephews; 25 great-great-nieces and -nephews; and one great-great-great-niece. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Lucile Nevin Smith, wife of Dr. Albert B. Smith, and Marie Nevin Johnston, wife of the Rev. William R. Johnston. Ruth's wishes were to have no public visitation. A committal service will be at 11 a.m. in Round Hill Cemetery Chapel, Elizabeth Township. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, with the Rev. Martin R. Ankrum officiating. Family and friends will be received in the dining room area of First Presbyterian Church after the service. KEPPLE-GRAFT FUNERAL HOME INC., Greensburg, entrusted with the arrangements. Online information available at www.kepplegraft.com. If you so wish, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg, Mission Fund, 300 South Main St., Greensburg; Redstone Highlands Senior Living Community, Benevolent Care Fund, 6 Garden Center Drive, Greensburg; or a charity of one's choice.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Bernice G. Nutting
Formerly of Charleroi

Bernice G. Weibl Nutting, 95, formerly of Charleroi, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, in Kane Regional Center, Glen Hazel. She was born Dec. 12, 1912, in Donora, a daughter of the late John and Anna Norkus. She was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in Charleroi. Surviving are two daughters, Joan Caban, of Swissvale, and Katherine Koch, of Pittsburgh; four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Raymond Weibl, and her second husband, Harry Nutting; and two brothers and two sisters. Friends will be received in the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, 819 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, Jan. 18, at 10:30 a.m. in Mary, Mother of the Church. Private interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Robert C. Jones
Greensburg

Robert C. Jones, 74, of Greensburg, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, in Excela Health Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg. He was born Sept. 19, 1933, in Fayette City, a son of the late Willard and Lavina Lindey Jones. He served in the Navy. Robert was a member of South Greensburg United Methodist Church. Prior to retirement, he worked for Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel in Allenport. His memberships included the AMS Club of South Greensburg, the Hempfield Township Roosevelt Club, the Hannastown Social Club, the Crabtree Social Club, the American Legion Post 981 of South Greensburg, the Youngwood Moose No. 23, the South Greensburg Hunt Club, the Hempfield Hunt Club of New Stanton, the Allenport Rod and Gun Club, the Keystone Rod and Gun Club in Hannastown and the FO Eagles Aerie 983 of Brookville. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a sister, Phyllis Godissart. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Deborah Flock Jones; two daughters, Robyn Jones and her fiance, Robert Smith, and Jennifer Knavel and her husband, Justin, all of Greensburg; five grandchildren, Robert, David and Andrew Smith and Taylor and Reese Knavel; and a sixth grandchild due in April. Also surviving are two brothers, Donald M. Jones, of Belle Vernon, and Willard R. "Junior" Jones, of Fayette City. Family and friends will be received from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the BARNHART FUNERAL HOME, 505 East Pittsburgh St., Greensburg, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday with the Rev. Greg Spencer officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to South Greensburg United Methodist Church, 411 Sheridan Ave., Greensburg, PA 15601. For directions and online information, please visit www.BarnhartFuneralHome.com.

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CORRECTIONS / CLARIFICATIONS

Budget story correction

In a Page 1A story Wednesday under the headline "Modest budget likely," it was indicated the story would be continued on Page 2A.

Actually, the continuation line was improperly placed.

The story was completely contained on Page 1A. The final sentence should have read: "He sent some clear signals that it would be a more modest budget," said House Minority Leader Sam Smith, R-Jefferson.

More death notices, Page 5A

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Jan. 17, the 17th day of 2008. There are 349 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Jan. 17, 1945, Soviet and Polish forces liberated Warsaw during World War II.

On this date:

■ In 1893, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, died in Fremont, Ohio, at age 70.

■ In 1893, Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar planters forced Queen Liliuokalani to abdicate.

■ In 1917, the United States paid Denmark $25 million for the Virgin Islands.

■ In 1945, Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, disappeared in Hungary while in Soviet custody.

■ In 1961, in his farewell address, President Dwight Eisenhower warned against the rise of "the military-industrial complex."

■ In 1966, a U.S. Air Force B-52 carrying four unarmed hydrogen bombs crashed on the Spanish coast. (Three of the bombs were quickly recovered, but the fourth wasn't recovered until April.)

■ In 1977, convicted murderer Gary Gilmore, 36, was shot by a firing squad at Utah State Prison in the first U.S. execution in a decade.

■ In 1994, a 6.7 magnitude earthquake struck Southern California, killing at least 72 people.

■ In 1995, more than 6,000 people were killed when an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 devastated the city of Kobe, Japan.

■ In 1997, a court in Ireland granted the first divorce in the Roman Catholic country's history.

■ **Ten years ago**: President Bill Clinton gave a deposition in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against him; during the nearly six hours of sworn testimony, Clinton denied having had a sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

■ **Five years ago**: On the 12th anniversary of the Gulf War, a defiant Saddam Hussein called on his people to rise up and defend the nation against a new U.S.-led attack. Tom Ridge sailed through Senate confirmation hearings on his way to becoming the nation's first Homeland Security Department chief.

■ **One year ago**: A year after disclosure of a domestic spying program that President Bush maintained was within his authority to operate, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales announced the administration had shifted its position and would seek the approval of an independent panel of federal judges. .

■ **Today's Birthdays**: Actress Betty White is 86. Singer-actress Eartha Kitt is 81. Actor James Earl Jones is 77. Talk show host Maury Povich is 69. Former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali is 66. Rhythm-and-blues singer William Hart (The Delfonics) is 63. Rock musician Mick Taylor is 60. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sheila Hutchinson (The Emotions) is 55. Singer Steve Earle is 53. Singer Paul Young is 52. Actor-comedian Steve Harvey is 51. Singer Susanna Hoffs (The Bangles) is 49. Actor-comedian Jim Carrey is 46. Singer Shabba Ranks is 42. Actor Naveen Andrews is 39. Rapper Kid Rock is 37. Actress Zooey Deschanel is 28. Singer Ray J is 27. Country singer Amanda Wilkinson is 26.

DEATH NOTICES

Margaret V. Kurowsky
Indiana
Formerly of Charleroi

Margaret V. Kurowsky, 90, of Albany Health Care, Indiana, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, in Jay County Hospital, Portland, Ind. She was born Nov. 12, 1917, in Roscoe to the late Roscoe and Susan (Miscovitch) Valko and also was predeceased by first husband Archabald Gordon Jewell, second husband Frank Williams and third husband Edward Kurowsky. Mrs. Kurowsky was an Indiana resident for 16 years, having moved there from Charleroi. Surviving are daughter Shirley Moore (Thomas), of Bentleyville; son Robert Jewell (Judith), of Dunkirk, Ind.; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at MJS MORTUARIES-DUNKIRK CHAPEL. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery, California, Pa.

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Erma M. Rygiel
Fayette City

Erma M. Rygiel, 91, of Fayette City, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh. She was born Jan. 20, 1916, in Elm Grove, a daughter of the late Albert and the late Maria Tonozzi. She was a member of Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church in Fayette City. Surviving are two sons, Joseph R. Rygiel Jr., of Perryopolis, and Stanley A. (Kathy) Rygiel, of Fayette City; two granddaughters, Jamie Lynne Rygiel and Kristie Marie Rygiel; one sister, Lena Travis, of Star Junction; and two step-grandchildren, Jennifer Koliscak and Gregory Buretz. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph R. Rygiel Sr.; one brother, Primo Tonozzi; and two sisters, Aldina Sweitzer and Katherine Beck. Friends will be received in the ELEY-McCRORY FUNERAL HOME INC., 334 Main St., Fayette City, on Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m., Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 19, until 9:30 a.m., when a blessing service will take place in the funeral home, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Holy Spirit R.C. Church with the Rev. Richard E. Mackiewicz as celebrant. Interment will be in Belle Vernon Cemetery. www.eleymccroryfuneralhome.com

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Mary W. Stasko
Formerly of Monessen

Mary W. Stasko, 85, formerly of Monessen, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, in Golden Living Center of South Hills, Canonsburg. She was born Dec. 7, 1922, in Louisville, Ky., a daughter of the late Jack and Fern Woodcock Wilson. Mrs. Stasko was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary. She is survived by one son, Edward (Denise) Stasko, of Belle Vernon; three daughters, Fern Stasko, of Williamsburg, Ky., Ruth Ann Lynn, of Ohio, and Lucille (Ted) Bendel, of Charleroi; 10 grandchildren, Edward (Missy) Stasko, Brandon Stasko and Rene Stasko, all of Belle Vernon, Michael Todd Stasko, of Florida, Laura Stasko, of Kentucky, Jimmy (Margie) Stasko, of Rices Landing, Maria Stasko, of Charleroi, and Johnny Lynn, Jennifer Lynn and Joey Mariani, all of Monessen; and numerous great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death was her husband, Edward Stasko; and two sons, Jimmy A. Stasko and Michael Stasko. Friends will be received at the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., 1209 Grand Blvd., Monessen, a Golden Rule Funeral Home, on Thursday from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. Services will be held in the funeral home chapel on Friday, Jan. 18, at 11 a.m., followed by interment in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora.

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Lois Healey
Monongahela

Lois Sampson Healey, 83, of Monongahela, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, in Monongahela Valley Hospital. She was born Sept. 7, 1924, in New Eagle, a daughter of the late Adam C. and Ruth Graves Sampson. Mrs. Healey was formerly employed at the Daily Republican newspaper in Monongahela. For 10 years, she and her daughter Ginny owned and operated Ginny's Store in Monongahela. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, enjoyed bingo and playing cards, and was Presbyterian by faith. She is survived by three daughters and one son, Ginny (Jack) Cole, of Monongahela, Becky Healey and K.C. "Casey" Healey, with whom she made her home, and Sally (Larry) Fowkes, of New Eagle; seven grandchildren, Jack Jr. (Robin) Cole, Sean (Denise) Cole, Josh Cole, Kelli and Kari Sampson, and Nicholas and Samantha Fowkes; and six great-grandchildren, Ashley, Sean, Kyrsten, Sydney, Kendall and Eli. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth C. Healey, on Jan. 21, 1974; and her brother, Charles Sampson. Friends will be received Friday from 1 to 9 p.m. in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela (724-258-6136), where funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 19, at 1 p.m. with the Rev. James Bailey officiating. Committal services and interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

June E. Daniels
Charleroi

June Elizabeth Daniels, 82, of Charleroi, formerly of Rostraver Township, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital. Born in McKeesport on Jan. 31, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Marie Massung Rinehart. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Frank Strangis, of Charleroi; three grandchildren, Sherri Ruffolo, Frank Strangis Jr. and his girlfriend, Amanda Koschak, and Nina D'Antonio and husband, Joseph; and three great-grandchildren, Francesca and Jo Jo Ruffolo, and Roman Joseph D'Antonio. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Marion Frank Daniels, on July 14, 1994. Friends will be received Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934), www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com. Funeral services will be announced in Friday's edition of *The Valley Independent*.

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City warrant sweep nets 35

Police still looking for 18 people.

By JEFF OLIVER
Staff Writer
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MONESSEN – More than 30 scofflaws were taken off the streets this week as city police officers conducted a week-long warrant sweep.

The sweep, done in conjunction with Westmoreland County Sheriff Chris Scherer's deputies and constables from the office of Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso, rounded up 35 people with outstanding warrants against them.

In addition, the sheriff's office is looking for various other individuals who avoided the roundup.

The warrants varied from magistrate warrants to bench, criminal and/or domestic warrants.

Monessen Police Chief Mark Gibson praised the work of the deputies and constables, as well as his own officers in making the sweep a success.

Those picked up included:

■ Victoria Howell, 34, of 533 Chestnut St., Monessen;

■ Alan Harmon, 58, of 100 Knox Ave., Monessen;

■ Buddy Mickey, 27, of 321 Indiana Ave., Monessen;

■ Joshua Gazdick, 30, of 225 Shawnee Ave.;

■ Amber McKita, of 26 Linden Ave.;

■ Rocheisha Winters, of 710 Ninth St., Monessen;

■ Cheresse Carter, of 1017 Highland Ave., Monessen;

■ Tim Quinn, of 1128 McMahon Ave., Monessen;

■ Jodi Cook, no address known and already an inmate in the Washington County Jail;

■ Robert Recaldini, of 187 Ridge Ave., Monongahela;

■ Thomas Gilmore, 47, of 132 Wickhavem Hollow, Wickhaven;

■ Alvin Ross, of 116 Coolidge Drive, Fayette City;

■ Christopher Raymond, of 710 Power St., Webster;

■ Michael Summers, of Rebecca St., Monessen;

■ Glen Davis, of Charleroi;

■ Felicia Cox, of Monessen;

■ Robert Parker, of Monessen;

■ Nikia Johnson, of 922 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi;

■ Darrell Carpenter, of 708 Sixth St., Monessen;

■ Thomas Hepple, of Dennis St., Monessen;

■ Taihiesha Frezzell, of Monessen;

■ Rodney Merritt Jr., of 504 McCrea Ave., Donora;

■ Linda Johnson, of Monessen;

■ Brian Yates, of Monessen;

■ Leslie Brown, of Monessen;

■ Alan Crow, of Finleyville;

■ Larry Menendez, no address;

■ Frank Davis Jr., 21, of 301 Rebecca St., Monessen;

■ William Carter, 64, of Monessen;

■ Rebecca Thompson, 37, of Monessen;

■ James Washington, of Monessen;

■ Terry Newton, 18, of Monessen;

■ Taryll Skaggs, of 2130 Caudle St., Greensburg;

■ Keith Rodgers, 24, of 409 Knox Ave., Monessen;

■ Marcy Tomay, of 127 Janet St., Perryopolis.

The following people are being sought: Raymond Summers, Carl J. Grimm, James Allen Gaul, Lisa Grimm, Antoinette T. Sanders, Gregory Arnold, Michael D. Matthews Sr., Ronza Ford, Chris James Hect, Romane Sewell, Dwayne Grogan, Ronald Harrison, Jamie Checco, Richard Alan Lloyd, Cynthia Anderson, David Grogan Jr., Charles Dickerson and Matthew Vasquez.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the above wanted individuals, please call the Sheriff's office at (724) 830-3462 or the Monessen police at (724) 684-6151.

POLICE LOG

Monongahela

■ Police are looking one of two men charged with assaulting a Finleyville man.

A warrant has been issued for Michael Duane Wittman, 30, of 110 Rustic Ridge Lane, Wexford, charging him with aggravated assault, reckless endangering another person, disorderly conduct and harassment in connection with an alleged incident Nov. 10.

George Vickers, 31, of 2123 Rankintown Road, Finleyville, was arrested Jan. 8 and charged with aggravated assault, reckless endangering another person, disorderly conduct and harassment in connection with the same alleged incident.

The two are charged with allegedly assaulting a man while the victim was waiting for a bus on Route 88 in Finleyville.

The victim suffered two skull fracture, bruising of the brain and neck injuries, police said.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

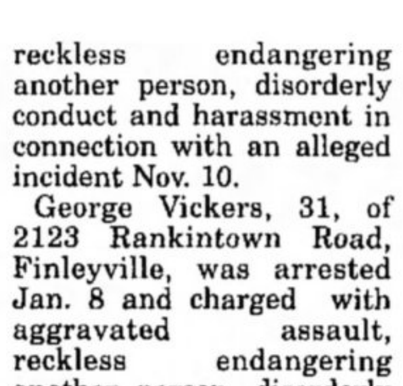
'Cash 5' jackpot at least $300,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $300,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Wednesday's game.

Lottery officials said 225 players matched four numbers and won $192.50 each; 6,586 players matched three numbers and won $7 each; and 59,366 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

Valley Grapevine deadline set

Items for Valley Grapevine should be submitted at least five publishing days prior to scheduled meetings or events.



The Valley Independent LOTTERY RESULTS

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16

DAY PICK 3:	5-7-7
NIGHT PICK 3:	6-3-8
DAY PICK 4:	8-5-9-4
NIGHT PICK 4:	4-1-0-7
TREASURE HUNT:	14-17-18-21-24
CASH 5:	5-7-15-25-27
POWERBALL:	9-18-19-38-47
POWERBALL:	11 POWERPLAY: 5

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16

DAY PICK 3:	5-8-4
NIGHT PICK 3:	5-9-4
DAY PICK 4:	1-8-1-0
NIGHT PICK 4:	3-0-6-9
ROLLING CASH 5:	11-16-22-38-39
CLASSIC LOTTO:	4-7-10-22-36-49

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16

DAILY 3:	3-5-2
DAILY 4:	5-6-4-6
HOT LOTTO:	2-3-25-26-29 HB: 8

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OUR OPINION

Too few barriers for illegal aliens

NOW WE KNOW why there are 12 million or 20 million or some other million multiple of illegal aliens in the Untied States:

We make it so doggone easy.

Take, for instance, the case of Bao Ping Zheng, 39, of Ohio Township. He's an illegal alien. He also employed seven others who were either in the United States illegally or weren't authorized to work here. The feds recently caught up with them all.

As it turns out, this Chinese fella owns nearly $1 million in Allegheny County property. There's no federal law against that. And governments at the state and local levels didn't require any proof of legal residence. And if financial institutions were involved, they didn't either. How's that work?

We'll betcha some lawyer was involved in assembling all of the nuts and washers and bolts required to gain all of the trappings of legitimacy, too. And, gee, what Social Security number was used? Whose Social Security number was used?

But have no fear, the American Civil Liberties Union is on the case. By garsh, attempting to learn if Bao Ping Zheng was all legal and all that might have violated the law, an ACLU spokeswoman said.

Puh-LEEZ!

Yessiree, folks — and to paraphrase that great 20th-century American philosopher, Pogo — we have met the enemy and it is us.

Do you agree? Do you disagree? The Valley Independent wants to hear from you. E-mail us at valleyletters@tribweb. com or write a letter to the editor. Include your phone number to allow for verification. Please limit letters to 350 words. We reserve the right to edit.

ANOTHER VIEW

The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News on the Pennsylvania Game Commission:

The Pennsylvania Game Commission's deer management program has been at the center of controversy since the beginning of the century.

This issue goes well beyond a hunter's odds of killing a deer. It affects tourism, hunting's economic benefits, forest regeneration, other species, the timber and forest products industries, farmers, naturalists, recreationists and suburban residents facing encroachment by deer.

Conducting an independent audit would be a prudent step, particularly since the need for one is agreed upon by most of the interested parties.

There actually is one other area of agreement: There are fewer deer in Penn's Woods.

Supporters of the commission's seven-year efforts to bring the deer overpopulation more in line with the environment say this is a good thing. Opponents say there are now too few deer for hunting and the commission needs to reduce the number of doe licenses.

Opponents have questioned the data and studies on which the commission has based its deer management program. They want an independent audit conducted by experts from outside Pennsylvania. Supporters of the program fear action by legislative critics and say an audit should be done first before lawmakers push any bills.

A letter signed by opposing groups and forwarded to all state legislators has prompted the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to look into an audit. Its discussions should center on not whether to proceed, but how to best go about it.

An audit was estimated last year to cost about $50,000. Even if higher, it would seem like good money to pay for education involving an issue with serious implications for several of the state's key constituencies and the public at large.

How to reach us

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Hillary's tears drown women's progress

Kathryn **LOPEZ**

On the campaign trail in New Hampshire, Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., became teary-eyed when asked how she copes with the stress of running for president. Predictably, in the run-up to the Granite State's primary and after her victory there, the tracks of her tears were the subject of many headlines and TV news segments.

Commenting on the tears and the talk, Clinton — lawyer, first lady, senator and international superstar — said: "Maybe I have liberated us to actually let women be human beings in public life."

I'm not exactly sure how women cease to be human beings in public or private life. Perhaps the limitless power of the Clinton machine allows it to break the laws of biology. The pundits who predicted a Barack Obama landslide win in New Hampshire would certainly appreciate that explanation.

Gloria Steinem has her sister's back. Steinem, founder of Ms. magazine, never really grew up from her bra-burning days, so she has never stopped insisting on her Feminist Dream House America. Steinem's ideal is a country where she won't be questioned for both claiming to be oppressed and also defending the right of a man to abuse his power on a woman. (She invented the "one free grope" rule during the Monica Lewinsky scandal days.)

Her dream is of an America where she is a hero for writing in The New York Times: "Gender is probably the most restricting force in American life, whether the question is who must be in the kitchen or who could be in the White House." Her sad song continued as it looked like Clinton was poised to lose the New Hampshire primary: "This country is way down the list of countries electing women and, according to one study, it polarizes gender roles more than the average democracy."

So there it is. Neither Hillary nor Gloria wants women to be treated equally. They reserve the right to demand sympathy when the gender-victim card works for their purposes, a distinct chick card no male competition holds. For here Clinton is, a likely nominee running for president of the United States, and the sisterhood has to stop the process and victimize American politics.

None of this is particularly surprising. American feminists tend to like the whine. Last year, after Nancy Pelosi was sworn in as speaker of the House of Representatives, a minor controversy erupted when she asked for a travel upgrade. The merits of her request could have been debated, but her nonsense answer was instead. She ran to TV cameras in full-whine mode: "As a woman, as a woman Speaker of the House, I don't want any less opportunity than male Speakers have had when they've served here."

The controversy had nothing to do with gender; it had everything to do with money and responsibilities to the taxpayers. But why get into issues when you can cry — figuratively or literally. It is apparently a female politician's prerogative.

The presidential campaign of Hillary Rodham Clinton, much like the speakership of Nancy Pelosi, is a step back for liberal women in politics and punditry. It can't be too long now before folks realize that right-wing gals like Rep. Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee and former Reagan speechwriter Peggy Noonan come with no gender-card tears on the floor of Congress and the op-ed page.

At the same time that Steinem was writing about how bad life is in America for women, a 30-year-old woman was killed by her father in Amman, Jordan, for dating. "Her father refused to allow her to step a foot outside the house," a police official told The Associated Press. "In the evening they had an argument, so he grabbed his gun and sprayed her with several bullets, killing her instantly."

Jordan recently toughened its punishments for such murders, in a part of the world where killing a woman for family honor is more accepted than not.

The Jordanian honor killing came a few weeks after the king of Saudi Arabia pardoned a woman for the crime of being raped. She was going to be punished with 200 lashes and six months' incarceration. The fact that the law is such that she had to be an exception to a rule is actual oppression.

Steinem, Clinton and women like them in positions of power could better spend their time highlighting real oppression and not defining down real suffering by pretending that life in the United States is somehow a hardship for, say, Clinton. Clinton could also pick a fight based on substance instead of trying to make up for the absence of Oprah on her team. Oprah's already got a show.

If this silliness continues, Clinton may find herself sobbing on a Barbara Walters special about what could have been.

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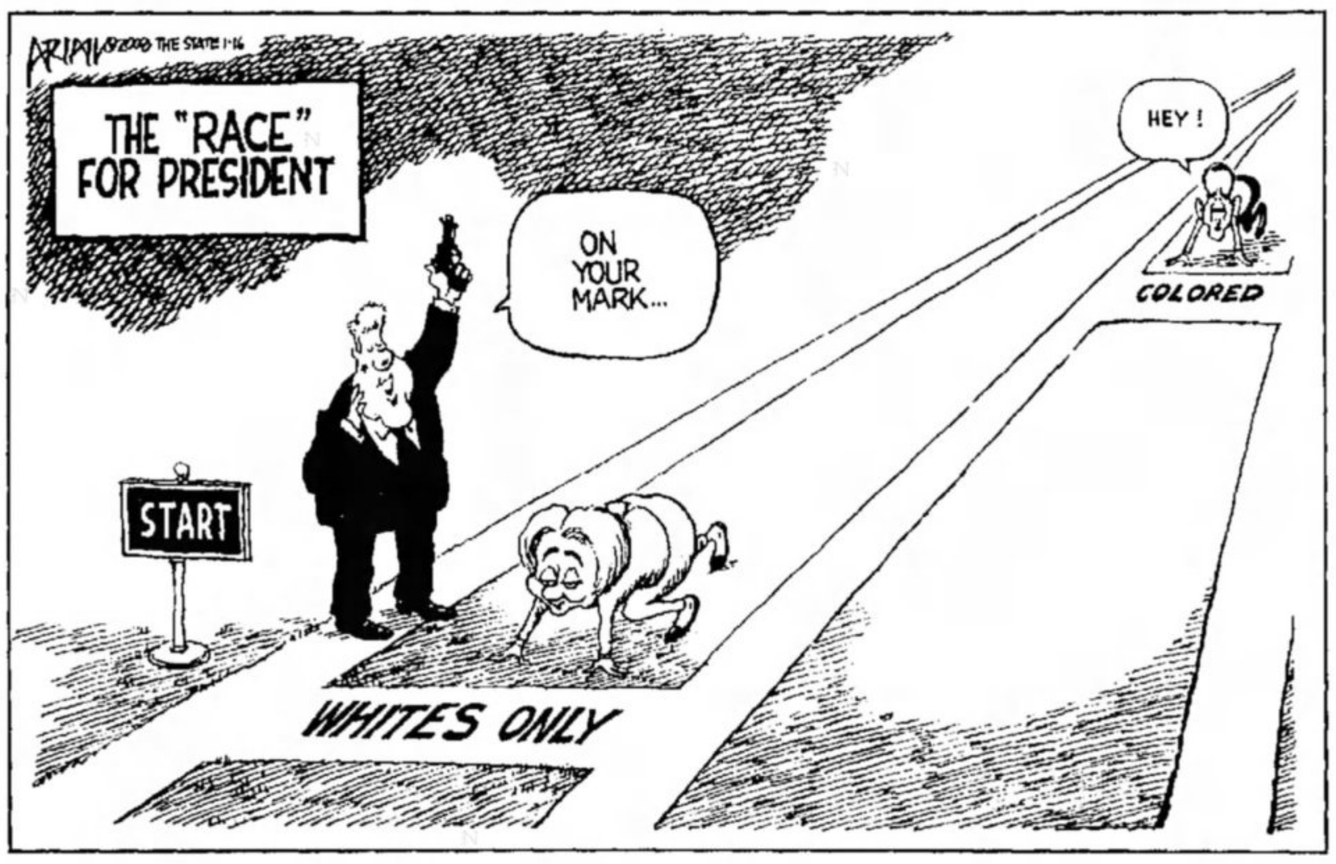

Do something

Joseph **WALKER**

To be honest, I don't remember much about what Bruce said when he spoke in church a few Sundays back. Mostly what I remember — and what everyone present will likely remember — is that just as he started to deliver his sermon, something happened.

Or rather, something didn't happen.

Bruce couldn't speak. He tried, God bless him. He really tried. But every time he opened his mouth the words got jammed somehow. He seemed to have something stuck in his throat — he coughed and wheezed and tried to clear the way. He was breathing and smiling, so we figured he was OK. But for two minutes or so he stood at the podium ... speechless.

We all sat there, uncomfortably laughing a little, waiting for somebody to do something.

And finally somebody did.

Two somebodies, in fact.

Almost simultaneously, Dave, the leader of our congregation, and Janet stood. Dave ambled across the front of the chapel and out the door that leads to his office.

"He's either going to call 911 or he's going to take a nap," I whispered to my wife, Anita.

She looked at me, and to her credit she somehow managed to suppress the urge to roll her eyes. After living with me for 30 years I think she's finally getting used to me. "He's going to get some water," she said.

Of course. Water. That made sense. Besides, I remembered, Dave has never hesitated to take a nap right there in church whenever he needed one.

Janet, meanwhile, was sitting with her husband Jerry in their usual place on the second row. I don't know if they paid for that pew, but everyone knows that that is where Janet and Jerry sit. And nobody else sits there — even if they are out of town or something. This isn't because of fear or intimidation — Janet and Jerry are to intimidation what "American Idol" is to great art. Rather, it is because of respect. Janet is our congregational mother hen. She knows everyone and cares about everyone, and everyone has a story or two about how Janet has ministered to them personally.

So Janet did what Janet does. She stood up, right there in the middle of our worship service, walked up to the podium and handed something to Bruce — a candy or a mint or something — I couldn't tell what it was. At about the same time, Dave returned with a little bottle of water (as a journalist I need to say that I'm assuming it was water; all I could see is that it was a clear liquid, so I guess it could have been Sprite or tequila – but I think water is a safe bet here). Both the candy and the water got to Bruce at about the same time. He smiled, popped the candy into his mouth, took a long drink of water and plunged back into his sermon.

At full voice.

For the rest of the meeting I found myself considering the messages of that little incident (which probably explains why I can't remember much about Bruce actually said — or it is yet another indication that I have spiritual ADD).

I was touched by a church leader who wasn't as concerned about proper procedure as he was about Bruce. I was inspired by Janet, who saw a need and filled it (unlike the rest of us, who just sort of sat there, grateful that it was Bruce and not us who was up there struggling to speak). And I was impressed with Bruce, who refused to allow the incident to detract from the spirit of the meeting. He didn't freak out or milk the situation for drama – he graciously accepted the help he was offered, regained control and then forged ahead with his remarks, never mentioning the incident again.

Joseph Walker is the author of the ValueSpeak column.

Writers' deal sought for Grammys

Producers ask for agreement to allow some to work on awards show.

By SOLVEJ SCHOU
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Producers of the Grammy Awards have requested an interim agreement that would allow striking Hollywood writers to work on next month's telecast, The Recording Academy said Tuesday.

Writers Guild of America spokesman Gregg Mitchell said the request was referred to the board of the union's West Coast branch for a decision. He said earlier in the day, however, that a deal "is unlikely to be granted."

The situation raised question about the fate of the Feb. 10 Grammys ceremony, set for live broadcast by CBS.

The writers guild refused to grant a waiver for last weekend's Golden Globe Awards and threatened to picket that event. Actors were advised by their union to stay away from the ceremony, prompting Globes organizers to replace the normally glitzy telecast with a scaled-down news conference lacking stars, glamour and ad revenue.

Next month's Academy Awards could face the same fate.

The Recording Academy said it remained hopeful that there would be a quick and positive response to its request involving the 50th annual Grammy Awards show.

"We will take whatever action is necessary to ensure that a program so vital to our industry, artists, charitable beneficiaries, and the great city of Los Angeles is held as planned," said the statement by Neil Portnow, president and chief executive of The Recording Academy, which owns all rights to the Grammy telecast but does not produce the show.

The academy said it supports efforts by Cossette Productions, which produces the Grammys, to reach an interim agreement with writers such as the one previously made with Worldwide Pants, which makes David Letterman's late-night show.

Earlier in the day, the guild said it would allow its members to work on the NAACP Image Awards and would not picket the Feb. 14 show at the Shrine Auditorium.

The awards presented by the National association for the Advancement of Colored People honor those who promote diversity in the arts. Awards in 44 categories, including movies, TV and literature, will be presented in the ceremony broadcast live on Fox.

"Because of the historic role the NAACP has played in struggles like ours, we think this decision is appropriate to jointly achieve our goals," guild leader Patric Verrone said at a news conference.

The writers guild said it had not yet decided whether to picket the upcoming Grammys ceremony.

Screen Actors Guild spokeswoman Pamela Greenwalt said her union's members "have been unwilling to cross a picket line and we anticipate that solidarity will continue."

In a joint statement, the American Federation of Musicians and American Federation of Television and Radio Artists stressed that events surrounding the telecast of the Grammys help fund educational, charitable and advocacy activities of The Recording Academy.

The statement urged members to participate in Grammy events but also "express support for our ongoing efforts to ensure that musical artists and creative talent receive fair compensation for their work in digital media."

Members were also encouraged to show support for writers.

Film review

Heigl wasted in '27 Dresses'

Predictable film follows romantic-comedy formula.

By CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP Movie Critic

Associated Press

This photo provided by Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation shows Katherine Heigl during a scene from "27 Dresses."

"27 Dresses" is so chock full of romantic-comedy cliches, it almost plays like a parody.

(It might be fun, though, if they handed out lists at the multiplex door to allow you to check them off as you go along — could be an interactive thing. You know, to help pass the time.)

Katherine Heigl's Jane is always a bridesmaid and never a bride, a role she's performed 27 times already because she's so adept at anticipating and meeting her friends' every prenuptial need.

She's secretly in love with her boss (Edward Burns) but, naturally, there's another guy out there (James Marsden) whom she initially clashes with, and who obviously will end up being the one to keep her from having to wear bridesmaid dress No. 28.

Director Anne Fletcher ("Step Up") and writer Aline Brosh McKenna ("The Devil Wears Prada") also cram in a wisecracking best friend, the obligatory trying-on-clothes montage featuring all the hideous taffeta concoctions in Jane's closet, and a cringe-inducing sing-along to Elton John's "Bennie and the Jets."

And of course, the whole thing wraps up with a mad dash to blurt out some very painful, public I-love-yous. On stage. At a microphone. Outside of movies like this, does anyone really do that sort of thing?

Heigl has such an intriguingly different presence for a rom-com heroine, though — there's nothing cutesy about her, nothing self-conscious — she makes you long desperately to see her work with more inspired material. The star of TV's "Grey's Anatomy" proved a reliable straight woman in last summer's "Knocked Up" opposite a gaggle of goofy guys who stole all the laughs. Here, with her first chance to carry a movie, she maintains a down-to-earth likability, despite the fluffiness of the dialogue and situations.

One woman can only do so much. Two women, however — Fletcher and McKenna — could have done much more, and they should have. In an industry dominated by men, where female filmmakers are still only making the slightest headway, they owe it to female moviegoers to provide entertainment that isn't just mindless and mired in stereotypes. (This is especially a letdown coming from the person who adapted "Prada," a script that was breezy and stylish.)

Several of those 27 future wives are bridezillas, whom Jane assuages with her warm demeanor and her mantra in every tricky situation, "No problem." But it's clear from her obsession with weddings — which includes cutting out and keeping her favorite articles from the commitments section of the fictional New York Journal — that her primary, life-defining dream is to be the one walking down the aisle one day to Pachelbel's Canon.

Her best friend, Casey (Judy Greer), is singularly sarcastic and promiscuous. Her younger sister, Tess (Malin Akerman), has skated her whole life on her looks and her party-girl personality — and she manages to sweep Burns' character off his feet the night she meets him in a slinky little yellow number at a bar, much to Jane's dismay. Then they end up getting engaged within just weeks, since Tess has lied to make him think she's the perfect woman for him: an outdoorsy, animal-loving vegan.

Guess who the maid of honor will be?

Anyway, the chief source of tension comes from Marsden's character, Kevin, lying about the fact that he's the guy who's been writing all those wedding columns Jane adores under a pseudonym. She just thinks he's a reporter — and a cynical one, at that. (Kevin doesn't believe in love and marriage, Jane's bread and butter.) Then he lies again when he says he's writing a puff piece on Tess' wedding.

Marsden, who's been on a roll lately with the musicals "Hairspray" and "Enchanted," shows another comic side here and gets a couple of good lines. He and Heigl would seem to have some chemistry, only the banter isn't snappy enough to allow it to shine through.

Costume designer Catherine Marie Thomas deserves a mention, though, for creating all those wild gowns, which range from goth and cowgirl-themed to a Scarlet O'Hara-inspired monstrosity and a hot pink micro-mini for an L.A. wedding.

The theory offered here is that bridesmaid dresses are ugly to make the women getting married look better by comparison. "27 Dresses" has the same effect on its romantic comedy predecessors.

"27 Dresses," a Fox 2000 release, is rated PG-13 for language, some innuendo and sexuality. Running time: 107 minutes.

One and a half stars out of four.

Librarian wins Newberry for best children's book

Schlitz

NEW YORK (AP) — A Baltimore librarian's classroom project is now part of publishing history. "Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!: Voices From a Medieval Village," first conceived a decade ago by Laura Amy Schlitz, is this year's winner of the John Newbery Medal for best children's book.

The Randolph Caldecott award for top picture book went to Brian Selznick's "The Invention of Hugo Cabret," a 500-plus page hybrid of a graphic novel and traditional illustration about an orphan boy and a robot in Paris at the turn of the 20th century.

Also Monday, science fiction author Orson Scott Card won the Margaret A. Edwards Award for "lifetime achievement in writing for young adults." Mo Willems' "There Is a Bird in Your Head!" received the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award for "the most distinguished book for beginning readers."

The awards were announced by the American Library Association, which is currently meeting in Philadelphia.

"Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!" began in 1997 at the Park School of Baltimore, where Schlitz has been working since the early 1990s. Working with fifth graders on the Middle Ages, she noticed the students were so enthusiastic, "going at it hammer and tongs," that she saw a chance to combine education and entertainment.

"I wanted them to have something to perform, but no one wanted a small part," Schlitz, who has written three other children's books.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Musical slated at Elizabeth Forward

Elizabeth Forward High School will present "Honk: The Musical" Feb. 27, 28, 29 and March 1 at the high school auditorium.

The shows will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $6 for students and senior citizens.

For more information, call (412) 896-2353.

Musical celebration of Pittsburgh set

The Frick Art Museum will collaborate with three of Pittsburgh's premier musical institutions to commemorate the city's 250th anniversary.

The Opera Theater of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Concert Society and the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild will offer a variety of performances.

The Frick's "Music for Exhibitions" series will begin Tuesday with Opera Theater of Pittsburgh's fully-staged production of The Impresario, Mozart's one-act comic opera.

The Pittsburgh Concert Society's Bridge City Winds will perform on April 22.

A concert titled "A Panorama of Pittsburgh's Jazz Legacy" will be performed and hosted my the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild on July 22.

The musical events coincide with art galleries that will be displayed at the museum.

All concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. in The Frick Art Museum auditorium.

The museum galleries are open for viewing at 6:30 p.m., as well as during intermission and after the concert. Meet-the-artists receptions will follow each performance.

Tickets for Tuesday's concert are $15 for Frick members and students and $20 for non-members and guests.

Tickets for all three performances are $38 for members and students and $51 non-members and guests.

Advance reservations are recommended due to limited seating.

The Frick Art & Historical Center is located at 7227 Reynolds St. in Point Breeze.

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For reservations and more information, call (412) 371-0600 or go online to www.frickart.org.

Entertainment calendar

Friday

D.J. Steve, 10 p.m. to close, Monessen Hilltop Firemen's Club. Members and their guests welcome. (724) 684-9990.

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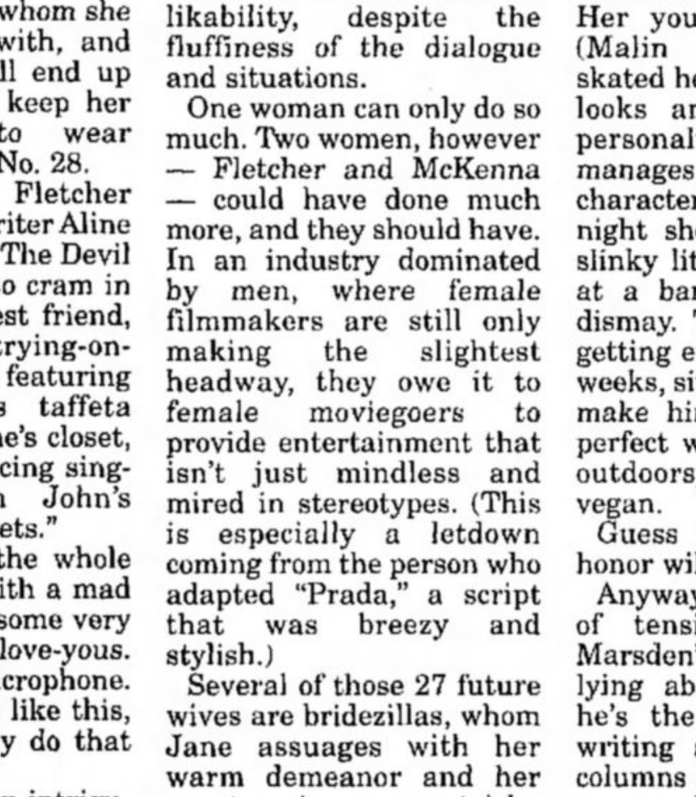

"American Idol" auditions always bring out unusual contestants, like Ben Haar of Newark, Del., who performed for the judges in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

'Idol' back, but ratings decline

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox's "American Idol" returned as the nation's most popular TV series, but with 4 million fewer viewers than the 2007 season premiere.

Tuesday's debut was seen by 33.4 million viewers, down 11 percent from the 37.4 million who watched the first show, according to preliminary ratings by Nielsen Media Research.

That still ranks as the most-watched show of the TV season, excluding sports. The previous high was the 25.4 million who saw the season premiere of "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" on CBS in the fall. More people were watching Fox in those two hours than the combined audience for ABC, CBS, NBC and the CW.

It was a noticeably nicer "American Idol" after producers were criticized last year for meanness during the audition rounds of the talent contest.

Yet the ratings will be watched closely for signs of further erosion. There was a very slight decline in viewership last season compared to 2006.

NEWS

Man gets jail term for robbing Speers pizzeria

Vandergrift resident George Gereshenski Jr. gets 2-to-4 years for robbery and assault.

For The Valley Independent

A man charged with robbing Campy's Pizzeria in Lower Speers in 2006 will serve jail time.

George Gereshenski Jr., 22, of 114 15th St., Vandergrift, was sentenced to two to four years in a state prison by Washington County Judge John DiSalle for the Aug. 8, 2006, robbery and assault of a clerk at Campy's.

In September, Gereshenski pleaded guilty to robbery, criminal conspiracy, theft by unlawful taking and receiving stolen property before DiSalle.

Gereshenski and Nathan T. Dzimiera, of Monessen, were both charged in connection with the robbery.

According to an affidavit of probable cause filed in the case, Campy's employee Jonetta Santo told police Gereshenski - a former employee - came into the pizza shop shortly after midnight and asked her, "Where's the delivery driver?"

She told him she had sent the driver home, at which time Gereshenski left the business, according to police.

But about two minutes later, Santo said, a man entered the pizza shop wearing a gray-hooded sweatshirt and black leather mask.

Santo told police that the suspect was carrying some sort of club.

According to the affidavit, Santo said, "George, take the money, just please don't hurt me."

That's when the suspect came around the counter and hit her in the head with the club, according to the affidavit.

He stole $794 before fleeing the scene.

Dzimiera pleaded guilty in October to criminal conspiracy to commit robbery, criminal conspiracy to commit simple assault, and criminal conspiracy to commit theft.

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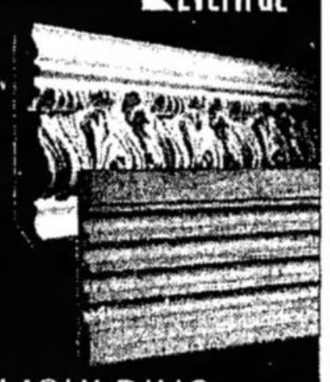

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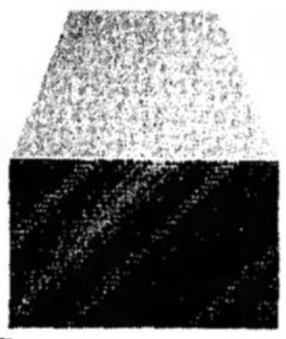

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Cigarette spat leads to arrests

West Newton resident Felicia R. Milliron among four charged with assault.

By PAUL PATERRA
For The Valley Independent
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Four women, ages 18 to 22, have been charged with beating a Penn Township gas station clerk who would not sell cigarettes to one of them.

Police identified the women as Felicia R. Milliron, 22, of 325 Locust St., West Newton; Leah Marie Mezeivtch, 18, of 345 N. First St., Jeannette; Tiffany Jane Good, 19, of 922 Evans St., Apt. 212, Jeannette, and Crystal Marie George, 20, of 918 Evans St., Apt. 101, Jeannette.

The four were charged with simple assault, criminal conspiracy and disorderly conduct in connection with the Jan. 8 incident at the Sunoco Mini-Mart on Route 130. George was charged with an additional two counts of disorderly conduct.

According to the criminal complaint filed by Penn Township police, the women arrived at the convenience store at about 6:15 a.m. and George attempted to buy cigarettes, but the clerk refused when George couldn't provide identification. The legal age to buy cigarettes in Pennsylvania is 18.

George allegedly yelled obscenities at the clerk, who told the women to leave the store.

As the clerk went outside to get the registration number from the women's car, she allegedly was knocked down by Good and assaulted by all of the women. The criminal complaint stated the clerk suffered injuries to her face, head, neck, back and a shoulder.

Preliminary hearings for the four were scheduled for Tuesday before Penn Township District Judge Helen Kistler.

However, hearings for Mezeivtch, Milliron and George were continued until Feb. 26, while Good waived her right to a preliminary hearing.

Venetia man indicted on fraud charges

A Venetia man was indicted by a federal grand jury in Pittsburgh on charges of wire fraud and mail fraud related to a scheme to defraud lending institutions.

The three-count indictment named Matthew McConaghy, 42, as the sole defendant.

The indictment alleges that, from August to November 2006, McConaghy engaged in a scheme to defraud several lending institutions in order to obtain commercial and mortgage loan proceeds based on false and fraudulent representations.

The law provides for a maximum sentence on all counts of 70 years in prison, a fine of $1.5 million, or both.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service led the investigation of McConaghy.

Punishment pondered

Bud Selig hopes to take action by spring training against those mentioned in the Mitchell Report. **2B**

Valley SPORTS

Craft of the Week

Tole painting is a technique that aspiring artists can learn as they go. **6B**

Australian upset

Marcos Baghdatis ousted Marat Safin from the Australian Open this morning . **3B**

Sports Trivia

Which team has hosted the most AFC championship games and how many? **2B**

Last night's scores

Philadelphia 5, Florida 3
N.Y. Rangers 2, Buffalo 1
N.Y. Islanders 3, New Jersey 1
Chicago 6, St. Louis 1
Calgary 3, Minnesota 2, SO

Brian **HERMAN**

Charleroi in football move to Interstate?

The WPIAL football realignment won't be announced until next week, but the word I'm getting is Charleroi could be one of the schools moving conferences.

I've heard from several sources that the Cougars will be switched from the Class AA Century Conference to the Interstate Conference.

Charleroi didn't have much success in its two years in the Century, going 2-6 both seasons after moving up from the Class A ranks.

The Interstate featured PIAA and WPIAL champion Jeannette last year as well as Greensburg Central Catholic, East Allegheny and Washington.

I'm also hearing that Class AA will have four conferences instead of five.

If that happens, Class AA schools would have a full nine-week conference schedule, meaning no exhibition games and the elimination of the annual opener between Charleroi and Monessen.

There's also been talk of Monessen possibly being taken out of the Tri-County South and replaced by Beth-Center.

Other possible changes are Belle Vernon Area and Ringgold moving from the Class AAA Keystone Conference to the Big Seven Conference, and Yough returning to the Keystone after two seasons in Class AA's Interstate.

Stay tuned.

■ In case you missed it, Geibel has its third new football coach in as many years.

He's Ron Marciante, who was the Gators' defensive coordinator in 2007.

Although the 57-year-old Marciante will have his first head coaching job, he's no stranger to the sidelines.

He was an assistant for 33 years at Connellsville and two years at Albert Gallatin.

■ Kelly Mornak wasn't the only Monessen girl to join the 1,000-point club Saturday when the Lady Greyhounds rolled to an 83-28 victory at Trinity Christian.

So did Mia White, who plays for Geibel.

Needing five points to reach the milestone, White tallied 10 in the Lady Gators' 53-43 win over Connellsville to become the school's 12th 1,000-pointer and first since Erica Hogan in 1999.

Getting back to Monessen's girls, their regular season finale Feb. 1 at home with Class AA Wilkinsburg should be interesting.

Despite being 6-7, the Lady Tigers boast the WPIAL's top scorer in junior Darche' Jackson, who averages 31 points a game.

Jackson opened a lot of eyes in Wilkinsburg's last outing, pouring in 54 points in a 64-62 victory at Shady Side Academy.

With another year remaining, Jackson has already scored 1,032 career points.

■ And thanks to Vito Dentino of California who says taking an hour off is easy — the hard part is putting it back!

Grillo picks up 100th win

Charleroi senior thrills large wrestling crowd with victory in 71 seconds.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

Dave Grillo, center, is joined by his father, assistant Dave Grillo, left, and Charleroi wrestling coach Gregg Doerfler after posting his 100th win Wednesday night.

FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP — Throughout the early portion of the wrestling match between Charleroi and South Allegheny Wednesday night, Dave Grillo sat all by himself in the second row of Charleroi's bench, pondering what he was about to do.

By the time Grillo, a 189-pounder, stepped on the mat for the last match of the night, the Cougars were on their way to a 43-30 Senior Night defeat, but he remained focused and poised.

As his match approached, Grillo began to loosen up with a look of nervousness that he was trying to mask under a calm glare.

It was finally time to head to the mat, and Grillo was given a quick pep talk from his dad, assistant coach Dave Grillo.

The buzz in the Charleroi gym built to a crescendo as Grillo made his last journey to the scorer's table at home.

It only took the buzz 71 seconds to turn into a standing ovation for Grillo as he did what many came to see: He become the school's first wrestler to reach 100 wins when he pinned Chris Hrutkay with a banana split.

Relieved afterward, Grillo could finally relax.

"My heart was racing really fast while I was waiting," Grillo said while cracking a small smile. "When I walked out onto the mat and saw all of the people there, that put me in the zone and I was ready."

The post-match standing ovation caught Grillo off guard.

"I knew there were a lot of people there, but I did not expect them to stand up. That made my heart race even more. It is still racing now," Grillo said some 15 minutes after the match.

Waiting for Grillo were his dad and coach Gregg Doerfler, who both hugged the Cougar senior.

While Doerfler was disappointed in his team's loss, he could not hide his joy for Grillo, one of three seniors honored before the matches started along with Ethan Radomile (285) and statistician Ashley Kope.

"I am thrilled for David," he said. "He deserves this. All three of our seniors tonight deserved recognition."

Radomile picked up forfeit win as did teammates Ray Campbell (215) and Dylan Ruehle (125).

Freshman Tommy Thorpe (160) pinned Richard James in 1:45 to earn Charleroi's other pin of the evening, and Doerfler was quick to point out Thorpe's future.

"Tommy, if he stays healthy, is on his way (to 100 wins)," Doerfler said of Thorpe, who for about two minutes sat next to Grillo during a prior match, seemingly trying to take in a moment to study Grillo's focus. "Tommy will get over 20 wins this year which puts him on par. He is a very talented kid."

But the night belonged to Grillo. With the 100th win out of the way, he pointed toward his remaining goals.

"I want a section title, a WPIAL title, a Regional title and hopefully a PIAA title," he said.

NOTES: Only eight matches took place because of forfeits ... The crowd, which was the biggest for a Charleroi wrestling match in years, included several teachers, school administrators, and most notably Jim Chacko, who many consider to be the greatest athlete to ever come out of Charleroi.

Conklin saving Penguins

Team continues tradition of finding young goaltenders.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

Ty Conklin

PITTSBURGH — Patrick Lalime saved them in 1997. Three years later, it was Ron Tugnutt. In 2001, it was Johan Hedberg.

The Pittsburgh Penguins have a fast-growing history of finding goalies who wind up saving a season for them, and Ty Conklin is the latest.

Cast off by three teams in two years, Conklin was signed to be a minor league goalie who would play with Pittsburgh only if the unexpected developed. Only this No. 3 goalie is playing like a No. 1 star.

The 31-year-old Conklin got his chance when starter Marc-Andre Fleury sprained an ankle Dec. 6, an injury that has sidelined him since then. Without their 40-game winner from last season, the Penguins — stuck at the bottom of the Atlantic Division much of the season — looked to be in big trouble.

Instead, they are riding a second sustained midseason hot streak in as many seasons, winning nine of 10 and 10 of 12 to climb back to the top of the division. Last year, a similar stretch of 14 wins in 16 games eventually got them into the playoffs.

What no one anticipated was Conklin would be the major reason for the turnaround. He has yet to lose in regulation, going 10-0-1, and his 1.72 goals-against average and .949 save percentage would lead the league if he had played enough games to qualify.

"He's just been fantastic," defenseman Ryan Whitney said Wednesday. "You can't say anything else."

Even if the Penguins are saying much more. Sidney Crosby calls him a difference maker. Coach Michel Therrien said Conklin "is playing at a level that gives us a chance to win every night."

And this is a goalie any NHL team could have signed during the offseason or, later, claimed on waivers?

"It's only been 10 games, 11 games, so I don't want to get too far ahead of myself," Conklin said. "But it's been nice to get the opportunity this year, certainly."

Conklin started briefly at Edmonton in 2003-04, but played only 34 games during the following three seasons for the Oilers, Blue Jackets and Sabres. The Penguins signed him on assistant general manager Chuck Fletcher's recommendation after he appeared in only 16 NHL games last season.

When Conklin was recalled following Fleury's injury, the idea was to play him occasionally when Dany Sabourin needed a rest.

But Conklin outplayed him from the start, and Sabourin hasn't been in net since Dec. 21. Sabourin could get a start when Pittsburgh plays three times in four days beginning with Friday night's game against Tampa Bay.

"It's a whole team thing, really," Conklin said. "Everybody is playing well and you just want to continue to stay confident and continue to do the things that made you successful in the first place."

No doubt it has helped Conklin that Crosby and Evgeni Malkin

(See CONKLIN, Page 2B)

Petrucci to coach Ringgold next year

Board rehires football coach after 3-7 season.

Jeff Petrucci will be back as Ringgold's football coach next season.

Petrucci

Petrucci was rehired at Wednesday's school board meeting as head of former operations at a salary of $10,648.

Petrucci posted a 3-7 record in his first season with the Rams including 3-3 in the Keystone Conference and made the playoffs, losing in the first round to eventual WPIAL champion Thomas Jefferson, 48-7.

Five of Ringgold's seven loses were to playoff teams.

While Petrucci will be returning, one of his assistants won't.

Jim Dumm submitted his resignation after a year with the Rams.

In other athletic business, several spring coaches were hired.

They follow with their salaries:

■ Rick Susick, tennis, $2,984.94.

■ Mike Vuono, first assistant softball, $2,087.81.

■ Nicole Staab, second assistant softball, $1,695.

■ Doug Weir, first assistant track, $3,129.60.

■ Jen McMichael, second assistant track, $2,738.40.

■ Kaye Gasper, third assistant track, $3,129.60.

SPORTS

Selig plans response by spring training

MLB commissioner hopes to decide disciplinary action on Mitchell Report.

By ANDREW BAGNATO
AP Sports Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — One day after testifying before Congress, baseball commissioner Bud Selig told owners he hopes to complete his review of the players and executives mentioned in the Mitchell Report by the start of spring training in mid-February.

Selig did not say whether he would discipline San Francisco Giants officials for failing to report concerns about Barry Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson.

"All he did was reiterate that he needs to review the individual players and the clubs and is going to try to do that as expeditiously as possible, and before spring training if at all possible," said Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer.

Selig

Selig is expected to speak to reporters when the meetings end this morning.

Rob Manfred, MLB's executive vice president for labor relations briefed owners on the recommendations in the Mitchell Report that have already been adopted unilaterally by management.

"I think everybody's getting tired of dealing with this stuff and having to debate it and so on and so forth," Los Angeles Dodgers owner Frank McCourt said. "The fans deserve a clean game, and let's get there and let's look forward instead of just dwelling on the past."

The owners met as the World Anti-Doping Agency and Major League Baseball exchanged barbs over whether the sport is resisting independent drug testing.

WADA's new president severely criticized baseball on Wednesday, saying the sport was resisting the recommendation by former Senate majority leader George Mitchell to transfer drug testing to an independent body.

New WADA boss John Fahey blistered the sport for loopholes in its drug-testing program and heightened tension between MLB and the drug body.

"Professional baseball's response to Sen. Mitchell's report is baffling," Fahey said in a statement. "To suggest that it might continue to keep its anti-doping testing program in-house ... is demeaning to Sen. Mitchell and the congressional committees who view doping as a serious threat to public health."

Baseball fired right back with its own statement.

"These continuing, unprovoked, inaccurate publicity stunts by WADA have created an unwillingness to become more involved with WADA and its affiliates," Manfred said. "We were hopeful that false public statements by WADA would end with its recent change in leadership, and we are deeply disappointed that Mr. Fahey is showing the same counterproductive tendencies as his predecessor."

Since its inception in 2002, MLB's drug program has been run by a joint management-player committee. After prodding from Congress, a jointly picked independent administrator was added for the 2006 season but the administrator can be removed at any time by either party.

"Senator Mitchell said that he believed that a drug-testing program, to be effective, had to be operated independently," DuPuy said. "And he made some suggestions with regard to our current program, and how the current program, which we believe is independent, could be made even more independent.

"That's the track we are headed down at this point in time, although that obviously has to be negotiated with the union," DuPuy said. "We can't do that unilaterally."

Also Wednesday, DuPuy said baseball officials will meet in the next few days with county and city authorities in South Florida about a proposed ballpark for the Florida Marlins.

"There remain obstacles to completing the transaction," DuPuy said. "But as I explained to the executive council, I believe there is a willingness by all parties to get the deal done, and all parties are working very hard to get the deal done."

Miami-Dade County commissioners last month approved a public works project that includes a new 37,000-seat retractable-roof stadium. The ballpark would be built on the site of the Orange Bowl. The agreement also includes a performing arts center, port tunnel project and soccer stadium.

DuPuy said there would be "modest rules changes" announced when the meetings conclude today, but he said instant replay was not discussed.

BVA blasts Trinity

Leps can look ahead to Friday's showdown at West Mifflin.

Boys' basketball roundup

Belle Vernon Area's basketball team tuned for Friday's Class AAA Section 5 showdown at West Mifflin with a 59-50 win over visiting Trinity Wednesday.

The trio of Jacob Dudzinski (16), Hosh Pohlot (16) and Cory Williams (15) combined for 47 points for the Leps (12-5).

BVA jumped out to a 17-9 first quarter lead and led 45-38 going into the final eight minutes.

Dudzinski also had 10 rebounds and 10 assists with Williams adding 10 rebounds. John Naylor had a team-high 11 rebounds for the Leps, who beat the Hillers for the second time.

BVA is 4-1 in Section 5 and leads Steel Valley, West Mifflin and Thomas Jefferson by one game.

The Leps host Steel Valley Tuesday and go to Thomas Jefferson Jan. 24.

Elsewhere, Charleroi goes to Chartiers-Houston in a crucial Class AA Section 5 game tonight following Wednesday's 49-34 non-section win at Jefferson-Morgan.

The Cougars (9-9, 4-5), who lost to the Bucs, 55-44, in their first meeting, are tied for fourth place with Brownsville in the battle for the final playoff berth, a game ahead of Chartiers-Houston.

Taylor Andrisko hit 14 of his game-high 20 points in the first half as Charleroi won its third straight. Andrisko made five treys.

Eli Obade added 13 points for the Cougars, who shot 50 percent from the floor.

The Cougars played without second leading scorer Ethan Hank, who was sick.

Bentworth upped its record to 12-4 with a 66-42 non-section victory at Waynesburg.

Jon Kennedy (22) and Joe Kennedy (18) combined for 40 points for the Bearcats.

Conklin (FROM PAGE ONE)

are equally hot, with Malkin getting 10 goals and three assists in his last 10 games and Crosby accumulating 16 points over that period.

Still, Conklin has allowed one or no goals six times during his 11-game stretch and only once has permitted more than two goals, during a 4-3 overtime victory over Washington on Dec. 27.

Conklin has greatly helped the Penguins offense because he is a goalie who is also a playmaker. He likes to roam far out of the net to move the puck or make a play, yet is seldom caught out of position.

Such a goalie is a major asset to a young, fast team like Pittsburgh that loves to score on odd-man rushes out of its own zone.

With their offense opening up, the Penguins have allowed 35 shots or more in five of their last six games, yet Conklin has played so well that their only loss was a 3-2 shootout defeat to Atlanta on Saturday.

"The number of shots hasn't been very indicative of the quality chances we've been giving up — we're really not giving up a whole lot," Conklin said. "That always ends up playing in the goalie's favor."

The Penguins played similarly when Lalime went 14-0-2 at the start of his career in 1996-97. When Tugnutt made 70 saves in a five-overtime game against Philadelphia and had a .945 save percentage during the 2000 playoffs. And when Hedberg, a rookie who played only nine regular season games, beat star goalies Olaf Kolzig and Dominik Hasek in successive playoff rounds in 2001.

With Fleury's return date still uncertain — he is fighting to come back from the dreaded high ankle sprain — Conklin figures to stay in net for an extended period.

"The goalie is in the position where sometimes you can have a solid footprint on the game," Conklin said. "What makes everything a lot easier is just knowing you're going to get some starts. But you have to keep playing well for that opportunity to be there."

SPORTS DIGEST

Ringgold, Cal girls winners

Ringgold's girls snapped a two-game losing skid with a 68-47 win at Allderdice Wednesday.

Emily Schartner (29) and Alina Selby (21) combined for 50 points for the Lady Rams (13-4).

Schartner, who hit five treys, scored 27 of her points in the second and third quarters when the Lady Rams outscored the hosts, 42-20, to erase a 16-15 deficit.

Jennie Affinito added 10 points for Ringgold, which didn't miss any of 11 free throws.

Vanessa McFarland had 25 points for Allderdice (4-10).

Ringgold returns to Class AAA Section 4 play today at home against Waynesburg.

Elsewhere, California was a 69-35 winner over visiting West greene in Class A Section 2.

Dani Zajicek had 14 points,10 rebounds and 10 assists for the Lady Trojans (6-10, 3-3).

California's Morgan Moluski scored all 10 of her points in the second half when the Lady Trojans eased a 17-16 halftime deficit.

Cowboys' Sparano takes Dolphins' job

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Tony Sparano is going to work for Bill Parcells again, this time as coach of the Miami Dolphins. Sparano, who had been the Dallas Cowboys' assistant head coach, accepted a job offer from new Miami boss Parcells. They worked together with the Cowboys when Parcells was head coach in 2003-06.

Sparano became the Dolphins' fifth head coach since 2004. Parcells was on the job for only a week before he fired Cam Cameron, who went 1-15 in his first year as an NFL head coach. The 46-year-old Sparano became available when the Cowboys lost their playoff game to the New York Giants on Sunday. He has been the front-runner for the Dolphins job since the start of their search.

Trivia answer

Pittsburgh with nine.

Gailey Chiefs' new offensive coordinator

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Chiefs hired former Dallas Cowboys head coach Chan Gailey as offensive coordinator, handing him one of the NFL's weakest attacks. He replaces Mike Solari, who took the Chiefs from being one of the league's top offenses to one of the worst in two years.

Kansas City ended the season with a 4-12 record and a nine-game losing streak after scoring only 226 points. That's 70 fewer than any Kansas City team has scored in 30 years. Gailey was fired after this past season as head coach at Georgia Tech.

Knight joins 900-win club

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Bob Knight became the first men's Division I coach with 900 wins when Texas Tech beat No. 10 Texas A&M 68-53. he 67-year-old Knight has been a head coach for 42 years at three Division I schools. He got his 100th victory at Army, then moved to Indiana, where his Hoosiers went 662-239 and won three national championships from 1971-2000.

Two women's coaches have reached 900 wins: Tennessee's Pat Summitt has 961 and former Texas coach Jody Conradt retired after last season with 900. The career victory leader in men's coaching is Harry Statham of McKendree University, an NAIA school. The 70-year-old coach has won 949 games in 42 seasons.

McMackin new Hawaii coach

HONOLULU (AP) — Greg McMackin was hired as Hawaii's football coach after serving as its defensive coordinator last season on a team that went undefeated until losing the Sugar Bowl. He replaces June Jones, who left the Warriors to coach SMU less than a week after they were routed by Georgia.

McMackin agreed to a five-year deal that will pay him $1.1 million a season, making him the highest paid coach in school history.

SPORTS HISTORY

80 Years Ago

After a month layoff, California State College's basketball team beat Penn State's Capitol Campus, 98-68, behind Dick Hartung's 23 points.

Melanie Moskola had 18 points in Monessen's 56-42 victory over Yough.

Debbie Fallenstein scored 18 points in Charleroi's 46-36 win over Ringgold.

Diane Bury scored 22 points in Mon Valley Catholic's 42-36 win over Fairchance-Georges.

20 Years Ago

Darryl Norfleet had 17 points in California University's 80-67 loss at Division I Winthrop.

The Pittsburgh Steelers said they wouldn't resign veteran receiver Calvin Sweeney.

10 Years Ago

California University's basketball teams swept Lock Haven. The men were a 96-57 winner behind Rah-Shun Roberts' 18 points with Shalonda Byas and Heather Cory each scoring 18 points in the women's 66-49 victory.

Win over WVU priceless for Pitt

Panthers find recruits easier to reach after beating Mountaineers.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Pitt coach Dave Wannstedt can't walk through an airport or a high school these days without someone asking him the inevitable question.

"Hey, coach, where are the crutches?"

Wannstedt hasn't needed them for weeks — they were a temporary inconvenience resulting from in-season Achilles' tendon surgery — but he is wondering if he might want to keep them nearby the rest of his career.

"It's funny, I hear more about those crutches than anything," Wannstedt said, laughing. "We're going to put them in the trophy case or something. It's almost like they've become a tradition."

The sight of Wannstedt nearly tossing aside those crutches in fits of emotion during Pitt's still-stunning 13-9 victory over rival West Virginia on Dec. 1 remains one of the most vivid images of a college football season gone wacky.

What Wannstedt wouldn't have guessed as he limped off the West Virginia playing field is that the aftershock of arguably the biggest upset win in Pitt history would still be rippling through both schools six weeks later.

"For us, it's been priceless," Wannstedt said.

Consider all that has happened since Pitt's unthinkable victory, a history-altering game whose impact is certain to be felt for seasons to come:

■ The Mountaineers missed out on playing Ohio State for the BCS title, which directly resulted in former coach Rich Rodriguez's hasty and anger-causing departure for Michigan.

■ A lawsuit seeking Rodriguez to pay back his $4 million buyout was filed.

■ Bill Stewart, an assistant coach for nearly all of his 33-year coaching career, was hired as the Mountaineers' head coach hours after leading the team to a 48-28 win over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl. If Pitt had lost, Rodriguez almost certainly would have stayed and Stewart might never have gotten the job.

■ Pitt is not only getting into the homes of players it didn't think it could recruit, but is getting commitments from them. Ten of Pennsylvania's top 21 players as ranked by Scout.com have chosen Pitt; Penn State, by comparison, has landed only three.

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Wannstedt can't comment about his class until national letter-of-intent-day Feb. 6, but he is well aware of how the upset has changed the thinking of some players.

Among those who committed to Pitt this month are national Top 20 player Shayne Hale, a linebacker from Gateway High who had been expected to sign with Ohio State, and Altoona wide receiver A.J. Alexander, considered one of the nation's fastest players. He had previously committed to Florida State.

Pitt's recruiting class is currently rated No. 15 by Scout.com and 19th by Rivals.com. The latest to commit: Jarred Holley, a defensive back from Easton, who announced his decision Wednesday. Michigan, Notre Dame, Iowa, Virginia and Penn State all recruited him hard.

Wannstedt's assistants can't get over how the perception of Pitt football has changed almost overnight, even though the Panthers' 5-7 record was their worst in 10 seasons.

One coach said a seven-win season and a bowl trip wouldn't have generated as much positive spin as winning a game the Panthers were favored to lose by four touchdowns.

Wannstedt has plenty to sell, too — a defense that finished No. 7 nationally after shutting down West Virginia and an offense that will be led by 1,300-yard rusher LeSean McCoy.

"We're closing the gap," Wannstedt said. "We beat what might have been the top team in the country on its field. Those games don't happen by accident."

To Wannstedt, the uplift is visible in a weight room that has been far busier than usual so early in the offseason.

"Guys got a little taste of it, and they want more," Wannstedt said. "It was a priceless experience. It was a big confidence boost."

The mess at West Virginia that didn't end until the Fiesta Bowl surprise and Stewart's hiring allowed Wannstedt to sell the stability at Pitt. He is under contract through 2012, or as long as any of these current recruits can play.

SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	26	16	3	55	111	104
Pittsburgh	26	16	3	55	133	120
Philadelphia	24	15	5	53	142	124
N.Y. Islanders	23	18	5	51	112	126
N.Y. Rangers	22	20	5	49	114	121

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	29	12	4	62	157	127
Montreal	23	14	8	54	139	127
Boston	22	18	4	48	114	117
Buffalo	19	19	6	44	126	127
Toronto	17	21	8	42	129	153

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	23	22	2	48	135	152
Carolina	22	22	4	48	144	155
Florida	20	23	4	44	117	134
Washington	19	21	5	43	127	140
Tampa Bay	17	24	5	39	132	157

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	33	10	4	70	160	104
St. Louis	22	16	6	50	115	118
Columbus	22	18	6	50	117	115
Nashville	22	19	4	48	127	127
Chicago	21	21	4	46	133	137

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	26	17	3	55	128	128
Vancouver	25	17	4	54	121	108
Calgary	23	17	8	54	138	141
Colorado	25	18	3	53	132	128
Edmonton	21	22	4	46	123	137

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	25	13	7	57	117	106
Anaheim	25	17	6	56	125	124
Dallas	25	18	5	55	139	127
Phoenix	24	20	1	49	121	123
Los Angeles	18	27	2	38	135	156

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia 5, Florida 3
N.Y. Rangers 2, Buffalo 1
N.Y. Islanders 3, New Jersey 1
Chicago 6, St. Louis 1
Calgary 3, Minnesota 2, SO

Today's Games

Montreal at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Washington, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	22	1	0	44
Wooster	13	10	2	28
Jamestown	10	14	0	20
Mon Valley	8	13	3	19
Valley Forge	7	16	1	15

Friday

Indiana at Jamestown

Saturday

Jamestown at Mon Valley (7:30 p.m.)
Indiana at Valley Forge

Sunday

Valley Forge at Mon Valley (2:30 p.m.)
Wooster at Indiana

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with C Doug Mirabelli on a one-year contract.

DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Nate Robertson on a three-year contract. Extended their working contract with Erie (EL) two years through the 2010 season.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Kenta Suda and RHP Yao Wen Chang on minor league contracts.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Marlon Byrd on a one-year contract.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jon Lieber on a one-year contract.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with LHP Mark Hendrickson on a one-year contract.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Claudio Vargas on a one-year contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Named Rich Donnelly player development advisor.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL—Named Anthony Noto executive vice president and chief financial officer.

BUFFALO BILLS—Promoted Turk Schonert to offensive coordinator, Alex Van Pelt to quarterbacks coach, Eric Studesville to running game coordinator/running backs coach, and Sean Kugler to offensive line coach.

CHICAGO BEARS—Promoted Lloyd Lee from defensive assistant to linebackers coach.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed QB Lester Ricard, OT Andrew Carnahan, CB Rashod Moulton, RB D.D. Terry and WR D'Juan Woods.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Named Chan Gailey offensive coordinator.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named Tony Sparano coach.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed LB Kyle Bissinger and CB Gemara Williams to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Assigned C Jim Slater to Chicago (AHL).

BOSTON BRUINS—Recalled LW Pascal Pelletier from Providence (AHL).

DALLAS STARS—Recalled TW B.J. Crombenn from Iowa (AHL).

LOS ANGELES KINGS —Assigned D Peter Harrold to Manchester (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Recalled RW Barry Tallackson from Lowell (AHL).

OTTAWA SENATORS—Assigned C Ilya Zubov to Binghamton (AHL).

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Called up RW Mason Raymond from Manitoba (AHL). Sent LW Mike Brown and C Rick Rypien to Manitoba.

COLLEGE

HAWAII—Named Greg McMackin football coach.

LYCOMING—Named Michael Clark football coach.

NFL playoffs

Conference Championships

Sunday

AFC

San Diego at New England, 3 p.m. (CBS)

NFC

N.Y. Giants at Green Bay, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

Dominic James and Marquette will face Louisville in a Big East battle at 7 p.m. on ESPN2.

Sports dial

Today

Television

3 p.m. - ESPN2 - Australian Open, ten nis, tape delay.

3 p.m. - Golf Channel - Bob Hope Classic, golf.

7 p.m. - Fox Sports - St. John's at West Virginia, college basketball.

7 p.m. - ESPN - Vanderbilt at Tennessee, college basketball.

7 p.m. - ESPN2 - Marquette at Louisville, college basketball.

8 p.m. - TNT - Cleveland at San Antonio, pro basketball.

9 p.m. - ESPN - Australian Open, tennis.

10:30 p.m. - TNT - Phoenix at Los Angeles Lakers, pro basketball.

Friday

Television

3:30 a.m. - ESPN2 - Australian Open, tennis.

College basketball

EAST

Albany, N.Y. 70, Boston U. 63
Army 53, Holy Cross 39
Bucknell 66, American U. 62
Drexel 58, Georgia St. 51
Fordham 66, George Washington 53
Lafayette 69, Colgate 68, OT
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 56, St. Francis, Pa. 44
Navy 79, Lehigh 69
Syracuse 81, Rutgers 59
Temple 78, Xavier 59
UMBC 86, Hartford 85
Vermont 75, Maine 58
Villanova 76, DePaul 69

SOUTH

Auburn 74, LSU 67
Charlotte 70, Saint Joseph's 66
Coppin St. 66, N.C. Central 62
Davidson 73, Furman 51
Duke 70, Florida St. 57
East Carolina 75, Marshall 62
Georgia 61, Alabama 54
Middle Tennessee 65, Troy 64
Mississippi 89, Florida 87
North Carolina 83, Georgia Tech 82
Old Dominion 79, James Madison 52
Richmond 75, St. Bonaventure 64
South Alabama 85, Fla. International 73
UAB 72, Southern Miss. 65
UNC Asheville 74, High Point 58
UNC Wilmington 81, Towson 68
Va. Commonwealth 60, Delaware 39
Virginia Tech 70, Virginia 69, OT
W. Kentucky 80, Florida Atlantic 62
William & Mary 55, Northeastern 53

MIDWEST

Drake 69, Bradley 68
E. Michigan 65, N. Illinois 61
Illinois 75, Michigan 57
Illinois St. 72, Wichita St. 51
Iowa St. 72, Missouri 67
Massachusetts 82, Dayton 71
Northwestern 65, Chicago St. 47
Purdue 67, Iowa 62
Toledo 72, Cent. Michigan 61
W. Michigan 71, Ball St. 45

SOUTHWEST

Houston 99, SMU 71
Memphis 77, Rice 50
South Carolina 70, Arkansas 66
Texas Tech 68, Texas A&M 53
Texas-Pan American 80, Huston-Tillotson 60
Tulane 67, Tulsa 65, OT

FAR WEST

Air Force 64, Wyoming 62, OT
CS Northridge 66, UC Riverside 62
San Diego St. 64, Utah 56, OT

WOMEN

EAST

Army 57, Holy Cross 41
Binghamton 65, UMBC 58
Bucknell 67, American U. 64, OT
Dayton 45, La Salle 43
George Washington 48, Rhode Island 45
Hartford 71, New Hampshire 56
Lafayette 57, Colgate 52
Lehigh 55, Navy 53
Ohio 74, Buffalo 64
Robert Morris 89, Fairleigh Dickinson 61
Sacred Heart 63, St. Francis, NY 47
Saint Joseph's 72, Fordham 47
Stony Brook 72, Maine 65
Towson 65, Hofstra 50
Vermont 73, Albany, N.Y. 58
West Virginia 68, Marquette 63

SOUTH

Appalachian St. 73, ETSU 70
Winthrop 78, S.C.-Upstate 42

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 90, Kent St. 64
Kansas St. 71, Texas Tech 45
Miami (Ohio) 63, Akron 49
Notre Dame 69, Villanova 58
Saint Louis 70, Duquesne 67
Xavier 66, Richmond 57

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 59, Kansas 35
Oklahoma 80, Nebraska 72
Oklahoma St. 76, Missouri 41
Texas 59, Iowa St. 56

FAR WEST

BYU 67, UNLV 55
Texas A&M 72, Colorado 68
UC Riverside 67, CS Northridge 48
Utah 74, San Diego St. 62
Wyoming 75, Air Force 59

High school boys' basketball standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	5	0	16	1
Keystone Oaks	4	1	9	9
South Park	2	3	5	10
Ringgold	2	3	5	14
Trinity	2	3	4	11
McGuffey	0	5	3	12

Wednesday

Chartiers Valley 56, Seton-LaSalle 49

Friday

Ringgold at Trinity
Chartiers Valley at South Park
McGuffey at Keystone Oaks

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Belle Vernon Area	4	1	12	5
Steel Valley	3	2	11	4
West Mifflin	3	2	7	7
Thomas Jefferson	3	2	5	10
Yough	2	3	6	10
Elizabeth Forward	0	5	3	14

Wednesday

Belle Vernon Area 59, Trinity 50

Friday

Belle Vernon Areaat West Mifflin
Elizabeth Forward at Yough
Thomas Jefferson at Steel Valley

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	9	0	14	4
Washington	8	1	14	4
Burgettstown	7	2	13	3
Charleroi	4	5	9	9
Brownsville	4	5	8	10
C-Houston	3	6	9	9
Waynesburg	1	8	3	13
Beth-Center	0	9	3	15

Wednesday

Charleroi 49, Jeff-Morgan 34
Carmichaels 50, Brownsville 44

Today

Charleroi at C-Houston

Friday

Monessen at Burgettstown
Brownsville at Waynesburg
Washington at Beth-Center

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
California	5	0	10	4
Carmichaels	4	1	12	3
Mapletown	2	2	8	8
Geibel	2	2	3	10
Jeff-Morgan	1	4	5	13
West Greene	0	5	1	12

Friday

West Greene at California
Carmichaels at Mapletown
Geibel at Jeff-Morgan

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Serra	8	0	14	1
Bentworth	6	2	12	4
Clairton	5	3	7	8
Cornell	3	4	9	7
Sacred Heart	3	5	4	13
Avella	2	6	7	10
Frazier	0	7	2	14

Wednesday

Bentworth 66, Waynesburg 42

Today

Sacred Heart at Blackhawk

Friday

Frazier at Serra
Bentworth at Cornell
Avella at Sacred Heart
Clairton at Monaca

High school girls' basketball standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Ringgold	5	0	13	4
Chartiers Valley	4	1	11	6
West Allegheny	3	2	8	9
McGuffey	2	3	7	9
Keystone Oaks	1	4	4	11
Waynesburg	0	5	4	12

Wednesday

Ringgold 68, Allderdice 47
Chartiers Valley 43, Seton-LaSalle 38
S. Fayette 40, West Allegheny 28

Today

Waynesburg at Ringgold
McGuffey at Keystone Oaks

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
West Mifflin	5	0	14	3
Elizabeth Forward	4	1	15	3
Thomas Jefferson	3	2	7	10
Steel Valley	2	3	9	8
Belle Vernon Area	1	4	4	12
Yough	0	5	7	11

Today

Belle Vernon Area at West Mifflin
Elizabeth Forward at Yough
Thomas Jefferson at Steel Valley

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Washington	8	0	16	0
Brownsville	5	3	13	6
Beth-Center	5	3	11	5
Charleroi	4	4	7	9
Bentworth	3	4	9	8
C-Houston	1	6	5	13
Burgettstown	1	6	3	15

Today

Burgettstown at Bentworth
Brownsville at Beth-Center
C-Houston at Washington

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
Geibel	5	0	11	5
Carmichaels	4	1	8	9
Mapletown	3	2	10	4
California	3	3	6	10
West Greene	1	5	1	15
Jeff-Morgan	0	5	1	15

Wednesday

California 49-, West Greene 43

Today

Carmichaels at Mapletown
Geibel at Jeff-Morgan

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	7	0	17	0
Serra	5	2	9	5
Clairton	4	2	7	5
Avella	2	3	7	7
Trinity Christian	1	6	4	11
Frazier	0	6	0	18

Today

Clairton at Monessen
Trinity Christian at Frazier
Serra at Avella

High school basketball lineups

BOYS

Belle Vernon Area - 59

Cory Williams, 6-1-15; Dudzinski, 6-3-16; Naylor, 3-0-8; Pohlot, 7-2-16; B. Lustig, 0-0-0; Green, 1-0-2; Rodriguez, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 24, F - 6 (11), T - 59.

Trinity - 50

McKnight, 3-0-6; Frey, 3-0-7; Valentic, 4-0-11; Chambers, 1-0-2; Songer, 4-0-8; Edwards, 5-0-10; Mccaffery, 2-0-6. Totals; FG - 22, F - 0 (2), T - 50.

Score by quarters:

Trinity	9	16	13	12	- 50
BV Area	17	18	10	14	- 59

Three-pointers: BVA - Williams 2, Naylor 2, Dudzinski.Trinity - Valentic 3, McCaffrey 2, Frey.

Charleroi - 49

Andrisko, 7-1-20; DiPiazza, 0-1-1; Obade, 6-1-13; Pappasergi, 0-1-1; Bell, 0-1-1; Price, 1-0-3; Strelick, 1-0-2; Hooks, 3-2-8. FG - 18, F - 7 (14), T - 49.

Jeff-Morgan - 34

Edwards, 4-0-8; Mox, 3-0-8; Falcon, 1-2-5; Montibeller, 4-0-10; Pist, 0-0-0; Moskola, 1-0-3. Totals: FG - 13, F - 2 (6),T - 34.

Score by quarters:

Charleroi	14	12	10	13	- 49
Jeff-Morgan	8	12	9	5	- 34

Three-pointers: Charleroi - Andrisko 5, Price. Jeff-Morgan - Mox 2, Montibeller 2, Moskola, Falcon.

Bentworth - 66

Joe Kennedy, 6-4-18; Jon Kennedy, 9-1-22; Selvoski, 1-2-4; Bular, 4-0-8; Jansante, 6-1-13; Hoye, 0-1-1. Totals: FG - 26, F - 9 (11), T - 66.

Waynesburg - 42

Fancher, 1-0-3; Sinnett, 4-1-9; Coldren, 1-0-2; Burris, 3-1-7; Phillips, 2-0-4; Nukumari, 1-0-3; Cox, 2-0-4; Moore, 3-0-6; Johnson, 1-0-2; Pollock, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 19, F - 2 (5), T - 42.

Score by quarters:

Bentworth	22	19	18	7	- 66
Waynesburg	12	6	8	16	- 42

Three-pointers: Bentworth - Jon Kennedy 3, Joe Kennedy 2. Waynesburg - Fancher, Nukumari.

GIRLS

Ringgold - 68

Affinito, 3-4-10; Schartner, 11-2-29; Selby, 9-5-21; Resanovich, 2-0-5; Paritojas, 0-0-0; Leach, 0-0-0; Melzer, 1-0-3. Totals: FG - 26, F - 11 (11), T - 68.

Allderdice - 47

McFarland, 10-5-25; Irish, 2-0-4; Beznar, 3-0-6; Lawson, 2-0-4; Mabins, 4-0-8. Totals:FG - 21, F - 5 (6), T - 47.

Score by quarters:

Ringgold	15	19	23	11	- 68
Allderdice	16	8	12	11	- 47

Three-pointers: Ringgold - Schartner 5.

California - 49

Zajicek, 3-7-14; Greenlief, 3-0-6; Moluski, 3-4-10; Lassoy, 0-1-1; Doman, 3-0-8; Wagner, 4-2-10. Totals: FG - 16, F - 14 (35), T - 49.

West Greene - 43

Jones, 2-5-9; Devenney, 2-4-8; Milliken, 6-2-14; Wilson, 5-0-10; Klein, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 16, ,F - 11 (19), T - 43.

Score by quarters:

West Greene	10	7	12	14	- 43
California	9	7	16	17	- 49

Three-pointers: California - Doman 2, Zajicek.

PSAC standings

Men

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Edinboro	1	0	11	4
Indiana	1	0	9	6
Lock Haven	1	0	1	14
California	0	0	9	4
Clarion	0	1	8	7
Shippensburg	0	1	6	10
Slippery Rock	0	1	2	13

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
East Stroudsburg	1	0	11	3
Millersville	1	0	11	4
Kutztown	1	0	9	5
Bloomsburg	0	1	8	7
Mansfield	0	1	12	3
Cheyney	0	1	7	5
West Chester	0	0	8	6

Wednesday

Indiana 61, Clarion 56
Edinboro 83, Slippery Rock 68
Lock Haven 81, Shippensburg 78 (ot)
Millersville 79, Bloomburg 68
East Stroudsburg 88,Cheyney 85 (ot)
Kutztown 88, Mansfield 75

Saturday

Clarion at California (5 p.m.)
Edinboro at Shippensburg
Slippery Rock at Lock Haven
Indiana at Central Statte
Bloomsburg at Chjeyney
Kutztown at West Chester
Mansfield at Millersville
Univ. of the Sciences at East Stroudsburg

Women

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	1	0	16	1
California	0	0	13	2
Shippensburg	1	0	13	3
Clarion	0	1	10	5
Edinboro	1	0	10	4
Slippery Rock	0	1	6	10
Lock Haven	0	1	5	10

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	1	0	11	4
Kutztown	1	0	8	8
East Stroudsburg	1	0	6	8
West Chester	0	0	8	6
Mansfield	0	1	5	11
Bloomsburg	0	1	4	11
Cheyney	0	1	3	11

Wednesday

Indiana 92, Clarion 65
Edinboro 82, Slippery Rock 59
Shippensburg 69, Lock Haven 55
Millersville 78, Bloomsburg 53
East Stroudsburg 74, Cheyney 66
Kutztown 59, Mansfield 51

Saturday

Clarion at California
Edinboro at Shippensburg
Slippery Rock at LockHaven
Bloomsburg at Cheyney
Kutztown at West Chester
Mansfield at Millersville
Univ. of the Sciences at East Stroudsburg

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	31	6	.838	—
Toronto	21	18	.538	11
New Jersey	18	20	.474	13 1/2
Philadelphia	15	24	.385	17
New York	12	26	.316	19 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	24	17	.585	—
Washington	20	17	.541	2
Atlanta	17	18	.486	4
Charlotte	15	23	.395	7 1/2
Miami	8	29	.216	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	29	10	.744	—
Cleveland	20	18	.526	8 1/2
Indiana	18	22	.450	11 1/2
Milwaukee	16	23	.410	13
Chicago	15	22	.405	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	25	11	.694	—
Dallas	26	12	.684	—
New Orleans	26	12	.684	—
Houston	20	19	.513	6 1/2
Memphis	10	28	.263	16

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	23	15	.605	—
Denver	22	15	.595	1/2
Utah	22	17	.564	1 1/2
Seattle	9	29	.237	14
Minnesota	5	32	.135	17 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	26	11	.703	—
Phoenix	26	12	.684	1/2
Golden State	23	17	.575	4 1/2
Sacramento	15	22	.405	11
L.A. Clippers	11	23	.324	13 1/2

Wednesday's Games

Chicago 126, Miami 96
Toronto 116, Sacramento 91
Indiana 125, Golden State 117
Charlotte 99, Orlando 93
Boston 100, Portland 90
New York 111, New Jersey 105
Milwaukee 87, Atlanta 80
New Orleans 123, Seattle 92

Today's Games

Cleveland at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Latest Line

BEST BET: Cleveland is 6-3 vs. the spread its last 9 games as an underdog of 8 or less points. San Antonio is only 3-6 straight-up and 2-7 vs. the spread its last 9 games as a favorite of 8 or less points. The Spurs are also just 3-7 vs. the spread their last 10 home games with the three wins coming against teams with a combined record of 29-82. Let's take Cleveland +8 for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Points		Underdog
Sunday, Jan 20			
Conference Championships			
N. ENGLAND	14	(46)	San Diego
GREEN BAY	7	(40)	NY Giants

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
SAN ANTONIO	8	Cleveland
DENVER	3 1/2	Utah
Phoenix	1 1/2	LA LAKERS

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
CONNECTICUT	9	Providence
BOWLING GR.	4 1/2	Buffalo
George Mason	5	HOFSTRA
LOUISVILLE	3 1/2	Marquette
W. VIRGINIA	16	St. John's
TENNESSEE	10	Vanderbilt
MIAMI-OHIO	3 1/2	Kent State
Butler	6 1/2	CLEVELAND ST
Valparaiso	8	YOUNGS. ST
SETON HALL	5	South Florida
ILL. CHICAGO	4	Wright State
LOY. CHICAGO	7 1/2	Detroit
NORTH TEXAS	8	New Orleans
Rhode Island	5	ST. LOUIS
ARK L. ROCK	9	La-Monroe
AKRON	8	Ohio
Indiana	2 1/2	MINNESOTA
WASHINGTON	2	Oregon
UTAH STATE	4 1/2	Boise State
DENVER	3	Arkansas State
NEVADA	17 1/2	Idaho
PACIFIC	3	CS Fullerton
WASH. STATE	21	Oregon State
Cal Irvine	6	UC DAVIS
Fresno State	2	SAN JOSE STATE
CALIFORNIA	6 1/2	Arizona State
STANFORD	5	Arizona
APP. ST	6	Tenn Chattanooga
CHARLESTON	11	Wofford
Ga. Southern	1 1/2	ELON
SIENA	13	Manhattan
Marist	1	LOYOLA MD
E. KENTUCKY	8 1/2	Jacks. State
MOREHEAD ST	4	Samford
TENN. ST	7	SE Missouri St
TENN. TECH	15	Eastern Illinois
AUSTIN PEAY	9 1/2	Tenn. Martin
MONTANA	13	Idaho State
MONTANA ST	7 1/2	Weber State
E. WASH.	4	N. Colorado

NHL

Favorite	Goals	Underdog
ATLANTA	Even-1/2	Montreal
BOSTON	Even-1/2	Toronto
WASHINGTON	Even-1/2	Edmonton
OTTAWA	1-1 1/2	Carolina
DETROIT	1/2-1	Vancouver
Anaheim	Even-1/2	NASHVILLE
PHOENIX	Even-1/2	Columbus
SAN JOSE	1/2-1	Dallas

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

Wrestling results

South Allegheny 43 Charleroi 30

103 - Kiser, SA; won by forfeit.
112 - No match.
119 - Rymarowicz, SA; def. Black, 5-0.
125 - Ruehle, C; won by forfeit.
130 - Jenkins, SA; pinned Calcek, 1:10.
135 - Blatzer, SA; maj. dec. Patterson, 16-4.
140 - Camponayzi, SA; defeated Wright by injury default.
145 - R. Weston, SA; pinned Olexa, 1:39.
152 - W. Weston, SA; won by forfeit.
160 - Thorpe, C; pinned James, 1:45.
171 - no match.
189 - Grillo, C; pinned Hrutkay, 1:11.
215 - Campbell, C; won by forfeit.
285 - Radomile, C; won by forfeit.

High school basketball scores

BOYS

Apollo-Ridge 68, Frew Mill 67
Belle Vernon Area 59, Trinity 50
Bentworth 66, Waynesburg Central 42
Carmichaels 50, Brownsville 44
Charleroi 49, Jefferson-Morgan 34
Chartiers Valley 56, Seton-LaSalle 49
Indiana 73, Kiski School 38
Knoch 73, Latrobe 70
Monaca 47, Freedom 41
Mt. Pleasant 44, Gateway 40
Riverview 50, Elderton 29
St. Joseph 61, Kittanning 53

GIRLS

Albert Gallatin 76, Laurel Highlands 72
Beaver Falls 39, Rochester 26
Chartiers Valley 43, Seton-LaSalle 38
Ellwood City 64, Shenango 32
Kiski Area 61, Valley 42
Monaca 58, Western Beaver 35
New Castle 48, Blackhawk 36
Pine-Richland 52, Penn Hills 50
Ringgold 68, Allderdice 47
South Fayette 40, West Allegheny 28
Springdale 42, Oliver 29

Safin upset in Australia

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Marcos Baghdatis needed five sets to defeat Marat Safin 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 3-6, 6-2 this morning at the Australian Open, evoking memories of his run to the 2006 final.

The marquee matchup of the night was packed with drama — long rallies, seemingly impossible winners and shifts in momentum.

Baghdatis appeared to be on his way to a straight-sets victory, looked down and out, then pulled himself together to set up a third-round meeting with another former No. 1, Lleyton Hewitt.

Earlier, Venus Williams overcame a lethargic outing, committing 44 unforced errors and dropping her serve four times in a row, to beat Camille Pin 7-5, 6-4, while top-seeded Roger Federer was impressive again in ending friend Fabrice Santoro's record 62nd Grand Slam tournament 6-1, 6-2, 6-0.

The mercurial Safin, the 2005 champion who has slipped to No. 56 because of a rash of injuries, tossed his racket twice in frustration while falling behind, then broke it after dropping serve early in the fifth set.

Both players took tumbles on the court, with Safin making a lunging layout to pick off a passing shot for a winner and Baghdatis doing the splits when he slipped on the dead run.

The 15th-seeded Baghdatis constantly rallied two years ago, feeding off the energy from vocal fans from Melbourne's large Greek community, before he lost the final to Roger Federer.

His beard and ponytail are gone, but the support was there again, and Baghdatis fed off it.

Sharp in taking the first two sets, Baghdatis' game slipped at the same time Safin picked up his performance. The Russian broke Baghdatis early in the third and fourth sets, then fended off triple break point while serving at 5-3 to hold with his 11th ace to even the match.

Baghdatis pulled ahead 3-0 in the fifth set and never yielded the advantage despite constant pressure from Safin. He finished off the victory in 3 hours, 13 minutes by breaking Safin for the fifth time when a forehand went long on match point.

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EXCEPT ME! I'M MORE FLEXIBLE!
EXCEPT ME! MY FORM IS SUPERIOR!
EXCEPT ME! I ACHIEVE SERENITY FASTER!
WE'RE ALL THE SAME AS WHEN WE'RE STANDING UP.
EXCEPT ME! I CAN BALANCE ON ONE FOOT LONGER!

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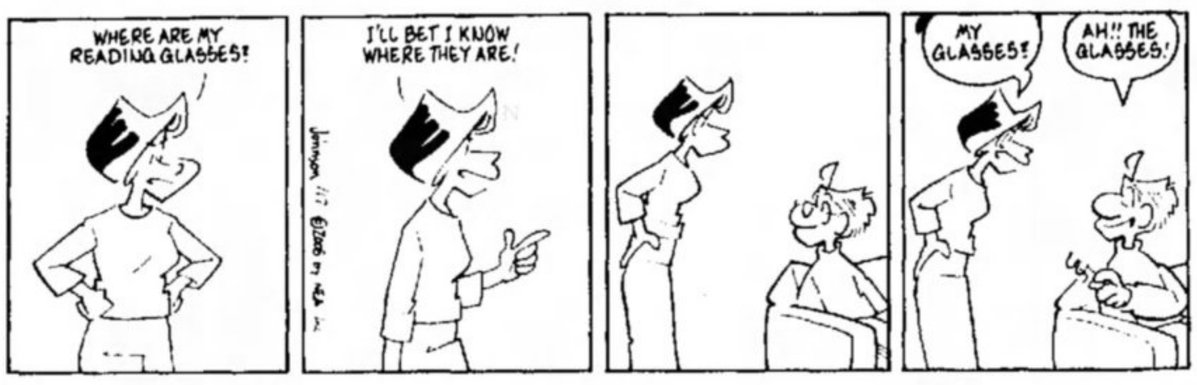
GOOD MORNING, SIR. SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU
MY, YOU ARE A STOUT YOUNG MAN
ACTUALLY, MORE OF A BIG LARD BOY!
I KNEW IT WOULDN'T LAST
JIM DAVIS 1-17

ARLO and JANIS® by Jimmy Johnson



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MY TEACHER'S MAD AT ME..
SHE'S MAD BECAUSE I CALLED OUR FIELD TRIP DUMB
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW I CAN PUT THE BLAME ON YOU..
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MONTY® by Jim Meddick

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OH %@&$% MY EX JUST WALKED IN!
THAT'S YOUR EX-HUSBAND?! IS... IS HE OK WITH YOU DATING?
NOT REALLY, BUT HE HASN'T SEEN US YET... HE'S TOO BUSY CONFRONTING ONE OF MY EX-BOYFRIENDS AT THE POOL TABLE...
AAIIEE!
UM...OK. IF ANYONE WANTS ME, I'LL BE IN THE MEN'S ROOM TRYING TO SHIMMY OUT THE LITTLE VENTILATION WINDOW...

BEETLE BAILEY® by Mort Walker

HOW DID YOU FIX MY COMPUTER SO FAST?
I JUST READ THE MANUAL
I'LL REWARD YOU WITH A DINNER DATE TONIGHT
MAKE IT TOMORROW. I'LL HAVE TO READ THE DATING MANUAL FIRST!
GREG + MORT WALKER

BORN LOSER® by Art Sansom

CHIEF, IF YOU'LL ALLOW ME TO MAKE A SUGGESTION...
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF WORKING ON YOUR "PEOPLE SKILLS"?
DO I LOOK LIKE A "PEOPLE PERSON" TO YOU?

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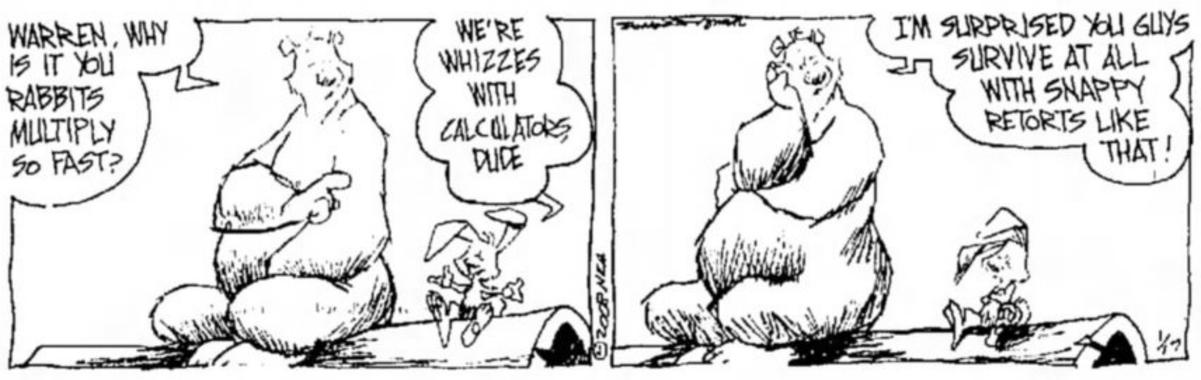
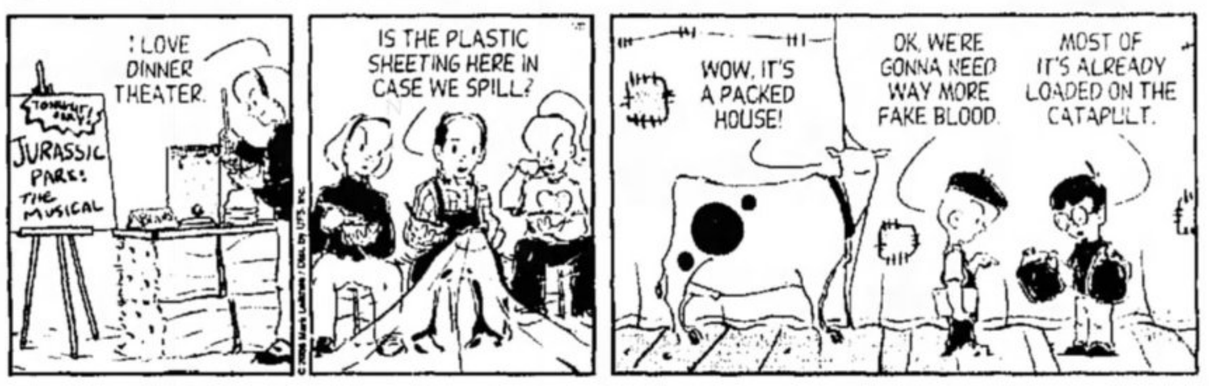

WARREN, WHY IS IT YOU RABBITS MULTIPLY SO FAST?
WE'RE WHIZZES WITH CALCULATORS DUDE
I'M SURPRISED YOU GUYS SURVIVE AT ALL WITH SNAPPY RETORTS LIKE THAT!

COW AND BOY® by Mark Leiknes


I LOVE DINNER THEATER.
JURASSIC PARK: THE MUSICAL
IS THE PLASTIC SHEETING HERE IN CASE WE SPILL?
WOW, IT'S A PACKED HOUSE!
OK, WE'RE GONNA NEED WAY MORE FAKE BLOOD.
MOST OF IT'S ALREADY LOADED ON THE CATAPULT.

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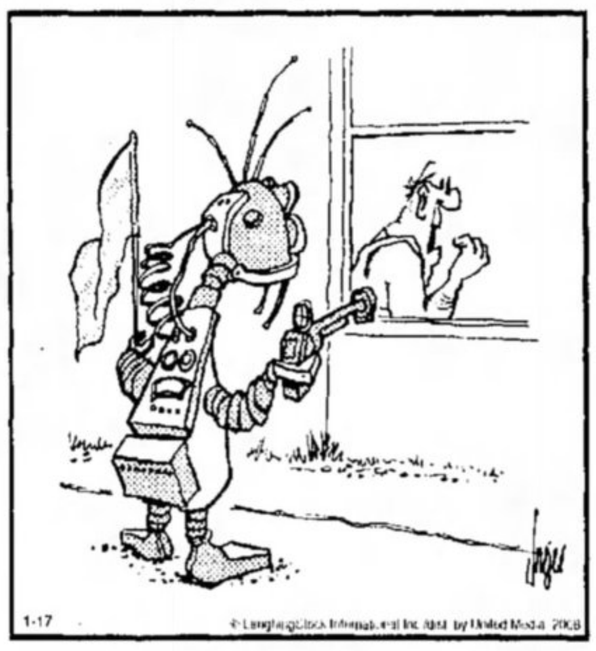

"Your mother's out in the yard."

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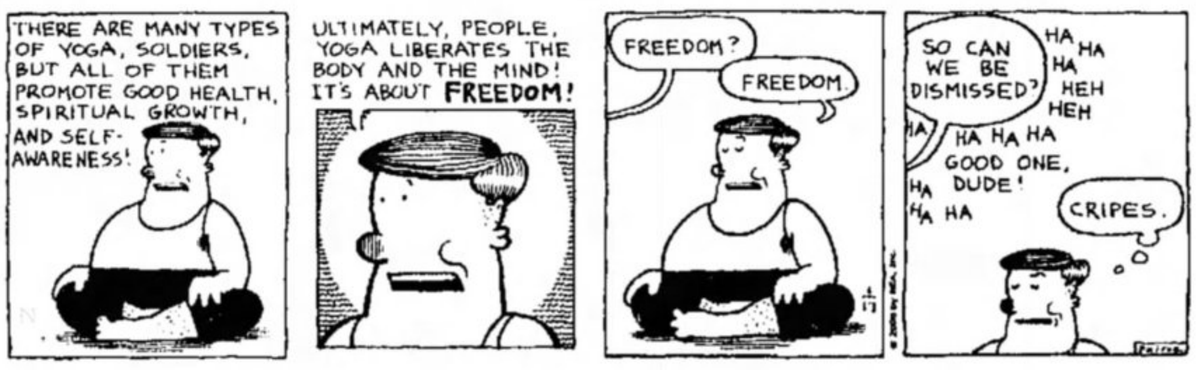
THERE ARE MANY TYPES OF YOGA, SOLDIERS, BUT ALL OF THEM PROMOTE GOOD HEALTH, SPIRITUAL GROWTH, AND SELF-AWARENESS!
ULTIMATELY, PEOPLE, YOGA LIBERATES THE BODY AND THE MIND! IT'S ABOUT FREEDOM!
FREEDOM?
FREEDOM.
SO CAN WE BE DISMISSED?
HA HA HA HEH HEH
HA HA HA
GOOD ONE, DUDE!
HA HA HA
CRIPES.

ALLEY OOP® by Dave Graue

C'MON, OOOLA, WE BOTH KNOW YOU'RE JUST PLAYIN' HARD TO GET!
AFTER ALL, YOU ARE HANGIN' ON TO MY PRETTY PRESENT!
EARLIE, I DON'T CARE HOW PRETTY YOUR PRESENT IS! IF YOU COME ALONG WITH IT, I'M NOT INTERESTED!
THERE!! IF YOU CAN FIND IT, IT'S YOURS!
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MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

THIS IS WHERE WE MAKE A PORTAGE, ANDY... IT WILL SHORTEN OUR TRIP BACK!
JACK ELROD 1-17
THIS IS NO FUN, BUT THE QUICKER WE GET BACK THE SOONER JOHNNY WILL BE OUT OF JAIL!
THERE HE IS!
LET'S WAIT UNTIL HE GETS BACK ON THE WATER...THEN WE CAN GET A BETTER SHOT!
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!

The Valley Independent Crossword

"Your mother's out in the yard."

ACROSS

1 Swimming-pool loc.
5 Pursue relentlessly
10 Rugged range
12 Pointy beard
13 Beginnng of growing season
14 Future resident
15 Informal wear
16 Novelist — Beattie
18 Tofu base
19 Druids and shamans
23 Maple syrup base
26 Flight dir.
27 Reduce to wreckage
30 Moves about stealthily
32 Daddy's sister
34 Financially solvent
35 Creepy-crawly
36 Put in order
37 Large deer
38 Call — — cab
39 Most beloved
42 Kind of tent
45 Each
46 Inspired verse
50 Sibyl
53 Ink shooters
55 Dryden works
56 Not as sloppy
57 Nonshiny finish
58 Besides

DOWN

1 Holy cow!
2 As it —
3 Hard but easily breakable
4 Son of Val and Aleta
5 Term of endearment
6 Mare's morsel
7 Sporty vehicles
8 Fiddling despot
9 Withhold
10 Sleek plane
11 Opposed
12 Cotton seeders
17 Once called
20 Tell
21 Footlockers
22 Gets tanned
23 Whirlpool locale
24 Woofs
25 Traveler Marco —
28 List detail
29 Delightful
31 Solemn promise
32 Airplane wing flap
33 Depot info
37 Prior to
40 Jungle swingers
41 Wreck a car
42 Composition in verse
43 Livy's bear
44 Over with
47 Flecks
48 D'Artagnan prop
49 Army address
51 Furry friend
52 Strong soap
54 Average grade

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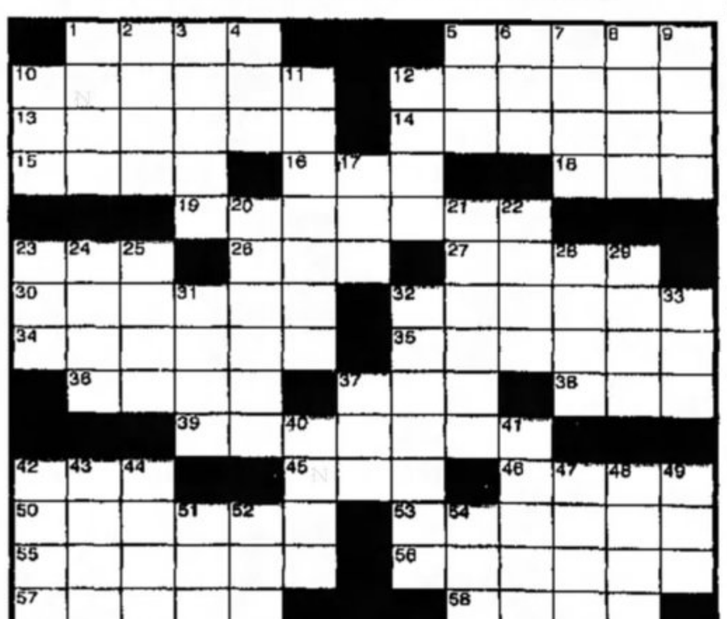

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TV LISTINGS

Both mother and daughter grieving for their dads

Dear ABBY

DEAR ABBY: I feel like I'm all alone. My daughter's father was recently murdered, and I can't seem to get over it. Even though we hadn't been close for months before his passing, he was all I have known since I was 13. I'm trying to move on, but it's so hard.

I don't know how to help my daughter with her issues because I'm still grieving for my own father, who was killed in Baghdad several years ago.

Am I a bad mother for not talking to her enough about it? Frankly, I try to avoid the subject every chance I get. But it's eating me up inside, and I can't stop crying.

How will I ever move on to another relationship when I can't even get past the last one? How can I help my child when I feel like I can't even help myself? — **DESPERATE FOR HELP IN NEW YORK**

DEAR DESPERATE FOR HELP: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the double loss in your life — the death of your father and the tragedy that befell your daughter's father. If you are going to heal yourself and your girl, it is imperative that you find help for both of you. She needs to talk about her feelings so she can deal with them — and so do you. Avoiding the subject, painful as it is, doesn't work, as you are finding out.

I recommend that you find a grief-support group for you and for your daughter, a safe place in which to share your feelings of loss, pain and possibly anger. An excellent place to start would be to ask your clergyperson. Please don't put it off because help is available.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 25 and my boyfriend, "Dave," is 32. I love him dearly. He's my best friend, and I know we cherish each other, but I always feel like I'm No. 2, 3 or 4 in his life.

Dave has a 4-year-old son and is occupied with the boy three nights a week.

On those nights I am not welcome. There are no phone calls, and I feel alienated and lonely.

Also, he stays in a job he claims he hates because he can't afford to miss one payment to his estranged wife.

Dave refuses to get a divorce because it's expensive, and he is afraid that she will abuse him financially.

Yet he gives her extra money on a regular basis despite his 50/50 custody (at present), and he's often broke because of some demand or another she had made.

She has a great job as a nurse, but I know very little about her situation so I can't judge her.

I am frustrated. When I try to discuss it, Dave tells me he's sorry, "things will change" and eventually I'll be able to share his life with him and his son. But it's been more than a year, and nothing has changed.

Should I hold on?

This is driving me crazy. — **LOSING PATIENCE IN CONNECTICUT**

DEAR LOSING PATIENCE: Your boyfriend appears to be a conscientious parent, but he is married and not available for what you want.

He may be satisfied with the status quo, which is why he has made no move to divorce or to further include you.

Dave is not your "best friend." Best friends discuss their problems and work out compromises. Please consider moving on, because if you allow this situation to drag on another year or two or three — and I suspect it will — you'd have to be crazy.

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THURSDAY EVENING

MOVIES | TALK | NEWS | KIDS | SPORTS

JAN. 17, 2008

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS (2) KOKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	News (N)	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric/ (7) Entertainment/ (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N)/ (7) Inside Edition/ (10) Two and a Half Men	Without a Trace "One and Only" The team investigates a divorce-court judge's disappearance.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Go to Hell" The team investigates the killing of a family.		Without a Trace "Article 32" The teams must race to find a missing woman. (N)		News (N)	Late Show With David Letterman Sylvester Stallone; the Mars Volta. (N)		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Trace Adkins; Bonnie Somerville. (N)		(2) Extra/ (7) The Insider/ (10) Everybody Loves Raymond "Robert's Wedding"	(2) (10) Paid/ (7) That '70s Show "Angie" Hyde's father's company.	(2) Paid/ (7) (10) CBS Up to the Minute (N)
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) News (N)/ (23) The Insider "Cloverfield." (N)	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition/ (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Wheel of Fortune	Ugly Betty "Odor in the Court" Betty's new perfume has some unexpected effects. (N)		Grey's Anatomy "Kung Fu Fighting" The chief has a gentlemen's evening with his fellow surgeons.		Big Shots "Sex Be Not Proud" James wants to make his relationship with Katie public. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		(4) Oprah Winfrey/ (23) Paid	(23) Paid	(4) Paid/ Jerry Springer (N)	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight "Cloverfield." (N)/ (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire/ (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune "Desert Passage"	My Name Is Earl Earl helps with a gang problem.	The Office "Dunder-Mifflin Infinity" Ryan returns to Scranton.	The Celebrity Apprentice "Mr. Outside the Box" Each team must create a mobile printing station. (N)		ER "Atonement" Pratt gets cold feet when Bettina gets serious. (N)		News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Late Night With Conan O'Brien (N)		Last Call With Carson Daly	Poker After Dark Gavin Smith; Sam Grizzle; Jean-Robert Bellande; Mike Matusow; Shawn Sheikhan; Phil Hellmuth. (N)	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show/ (53) Frasier	(8) Seinfeld/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld George's father is arrested.	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? "Miss America Special Edition" Miss America Lauren Nelson. (N)		Don't Forget the Lyrics! (N)		(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10 (N)	(8) Seinfeld Jerry keeps finding Kramer's key.	(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Seinfeld	(8) Frasier/ (53) Scrubs	(8) Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil/ (53) Scrubs	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Sex and the City Carrie and Big get together.	(53) Cheaters
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OnQ Magazine	Communities; New Hope Colonial beginnings.		Mystery! An apparent suicide victim was planning to uncover an illegal adoption agency.		Reindeer Queen		Charlie Rose (N)			OnQ Magazine	Tavis Smiley (N)	Pioneers of Television "Variety"		The Jewish Americans
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Smallville "Wrath"		Supernatural Sam and Dean investigate drownings.		The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle Hotline.	According to Jim	That '70s Show "Angie"	King of the Hill	South Park "Canceled"	Paid	Paid	Paid
(22) WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	★★½ Diggstown (1992)				TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4	F4 Generation	Bananas		7th St. Theater	Extreme Life	Heritage	Quick Study	CBN News	Richard and Lindsay Roberts		Life Today	Focus 4	F4 Generation	Austin Awake	Born to Free
(59) WBGN	Temptation (N)	Temptation	Degrassi: Next	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	Dead Like Me		Cold Squad "Deadly Games"		Reno 911!	Blind Date	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Killer Date"		The First 48 "Blindsided"		The First 48		The First 48 "Double Time" (N)		American Justice: Nightmare		The First 48 "Blindsided"		The First 48		The First 48 "Double Time"	
ABCFAM	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	★★★ Mean Girls (2004)				★★★ Mean Girls (2004)				The 700 Club		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Precious in His Sight		Paid	Paid
AMC	★★★ High Plains Drifter (1973)				★½ Death Wish 4: The Crackdown (1987) Premiere.				★½ Death Wish 4: The Crackdown (1987)				★★ Death Hunt (1981)				★★★½ The Sand Pebbles	
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		Big Cat Diary "Buffalo Attack"		★★★ Black Beauty (1994)				Animal Precinct Dyed chicks.		★★★ Black Beauty (1994)				Animal Precinct Dyed chicks.		Big Cat Diary "Buffalo Attack"	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Coupling	Wrld Stand Up	The Weakest Link	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)			Black Carpet	★★½ Jason's Lyric (1994)				Crank Dat Year Back		Hell Date	Hell Date	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Comicview		BET Late	
BRAVO	Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway "On Garde!"		Make Me a Supermodel		Make Me a Supermodel (N)		Make Me a Supermodel		Project Runway "On Garde!"		Make Me a Supermodel		Project Runway "On Garde!"	
CMT	Reba's Top 20	Redneck Wed	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Redneck Wed	★ Broken Bridges (2006)				CMT Music	Trick My Truck	Trick My Truck	Trick My Truck	Trick My Truck	CMT Music	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		Deal or No Deal		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money		Deal or No Deal		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Paid	Paid
CNN	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Out In the Open		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	★★½ Heart Condition (1990)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Futurama	South Park	South Park	Drawn Toget	Daily Show	Colbert Report	South Park	Drawn Toget	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents
COURT	World's Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Speeders (N)	Speeders (N)	Speeders	Speeders	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Hwood Heat	Speeders	Speeders	Speeders	Speeders	Forensic Files	Forensic Files
CSPAN	House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today In Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	MythBusters "James Bond"		MythBusters "Viewer Special"		MythBusters Birds in a truck.		MythBusters "Penny Drop"		MythBusters "James Bond"		MythBusters "Viewer Special"		MythBusters Birds in a truck.	
DISNEY	Han. Montana	Han. Montana	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	★½ Model Behavior (2000)			That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	American Drgn	Buzz Lightyear	Timon-Pumbaa
E!	Snoop Father	Chelsea Lately	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Britney Spears: Fall		Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	12 Sexiest Vegas Jobs		E! News	Chelsea Lately	The Daily 10	Girl Next Door	Snoop Father	Saturday Night Live		Chelsea Lately
ESPN	SportsCenter		College Basketball Vanderbilt at Tennessee.				College Basketball Indiana at Minnesota.				SportsCenter		NFL Live (N)	Gamenight	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	Stump-Schwab	Stump-Schwab	Missing Link	Missing Link	Boxing: 1974 All vs. Foreman		Can't Blame	Can't Blame	On the Block (N)		Bull Riding: Ride Hard Tour		Boxing: All vs. Mildenberger		UWF Wrestling	UWF Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	Tennis: Australian Open		College Basketball Marquette at Louisville.				Tennis Australian Open — Early Round — Day 5. From Melbourne, Australia.						2007 World Series of Poker		2007 World Series of Poker		2007 World Series of Poker	
EWTN	Beauty-Alive	Taking a Stand	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Life on the Rock		Parable	Holy Rosary	Back Stage	The Pure Life	Human Sexuality		Daily Mass: Our Lady		Life on the Rock		Parable	The Pure Life
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live Soul food.		Good Eats	Bobby Flay	Iron Chef America Bobby Flay.		Ace of Cakes Super Bowl cake.		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Iron Chef America Bobby Flay.		Ace of Cakes Super Bowl cake.		Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Final Score	SportsBeat	College Basketball St. John's at West Virginia.				Best Damn Top 50 Special		SportsBeat	Final Score	College Basketball Arizona at Stanford.				Final Score	Best Damn Sports Show Period		Final Score
FX	★★★ The Sum of All Fears (2002)				★★ Behind Enemy Lines (2001)				★★ Behind Enemy Lines (2001)				'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	Paid	Paid
GOLF	Post Game	Celebrity Golf	Champions Tour Preview		Trevino & Lopez		PGA Tour Golf Bob Hope Chrysler Classic — Second Round. From Palm Desert, Calif.						19th Hole	Golf Central	Champions Tour Preview		Tour Clinic	Golf Central
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		Who Wants to Be a Millionaire		How Much	Family Feud	Family Feud	Chain Reaction	Lingo	Whammy	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Jane Doe: Eye of the Beholder (2007)				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Small Space	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed-Sell	Carter Can (N)	Divine Design	Color Correct.	House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Over Head	Designed-Sell	Carter Can	Divine Design	Color Correct.	House Hunters	House Hunters
HIST	Maneaters Lions.		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Gangland "Basic Training" (N)		Ancient Discoveries		Earth's Black Hole		Modern Marvels		Gangland "Basic Training"		Ancient Discoveries	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	★½ Two Can Play That Game (2001) Premiere.				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		Forbidden Love (N)		Cradle to Grave (N)		Countdown-Olbermann		Forbidden Love		Cradle to Grave	
MTV	Run's House	Run's House	Run's House	Run's House	Run's House	Run's House	Run's House	Run's House	Run's House	Rob & Big	Run's House	Life of Ryan	The Real World "Sydney"		The Real World "XIX Reunion"		Room Raiders	Room Raiders
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	Ned's School	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
OXY	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Captured	Snapped	Snapped	Bad Girls Club	Bad Girls Club	Janice Dickinson Modeling		Janice Dickinson Modeling		The Tyra Banks Show		★★½ For Keeps (1988)			
PCN	PCN Tours		PA Public Affairs		Journalists Roundtable		PA Public Affairs										Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	Aesthetic Med	NightTalk With Ann Devlin		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Hansberger	Fedko Fone	News			Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Touchstone"		★½ Primal Force (1999)				King of the Lost World (2005)				20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (1997)				Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	The X-Files	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		TNA IMPACT! (N)				TNA Wrestling: Global Impact		MANswers	Whacked Out	Action Sports Championships		The Shield "Breakpoint"	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	★★★ Spider-Man (2002)				Sex and City	Sex and City	★★★ Spider-Man (2002)					Sleepy Hollow
TCM	★★★ Hotel Reserve (1944)				★★★★ Casablanca (1942)				★★★½ From Here to Eternity (1953)				★★★★ Notorious (1946)				★★★½ To Catch a Thief	
TLC	Property Ladder		Rides Graphic artist.		Wrecks to Riches		American Chopper (N)		American Chopper "Peavey 2"		American Chopper		American Chopper "Peavey 2"		Wrecks to Riches		Rides Graphic artist.	
TNT	Law & Order "Foul Play"		Law & Order "Veteran's Day"		NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at San Antonio Spurs.					NBA Basketball	Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Lakers.				Inside the NBA		The X-Files "Miracle Man"	
TOON	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo	Codename	Camp Lazlo	Foster's Home	Courage-Dog	Grim Advent.	Gym Partner	Ed, Edd	Naruto	Family Guy	Family Guy	Metalocalypse	Shin Chan	Ghost in Shell	Eureka 7	Family Guy	Family Guy
TRAVEL	Secrets of RVs		Luxe Life "RV" RV designers.		Anthony Bourdain		Million Dollar Yachts		Deal Hunter	Feasty Boys	Fantastic Houseboats		Anthony Bourdain		Million Dollar Yachts		Deal Hunter	Feasty Boys
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Good Times	Good Times	Good Times	Good Times	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford & Son	The Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Psych		The Detonator (2006)	
VH1	Scott Baio Is 46 and Pregnant		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		The Last Days of Left Eye (2006)				Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Hollywood Blackmail		Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		40 Most Shocking Celebrity Mugshots			
VS.	Holy ...!	Dakar High.	On Assign	Ruger's Adv.	Outdoor	World-Beretta	Boxing Shamone Alvarez vs. Joshua Clottey.				Outdoor	World-Beretta	Boxing Shamone Alvarez vs. Joshua Clottey.				On Assign	Ruger's Adv.
WE	★★★ The Birdcage (1996)				★★★ Under the Tuscan Sun (2003)					★★★ Under the Tuscan Sun (2003)					★★ Danielle Steel's Star (1993)			
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Home Videos		★ The In Crowd (2000)				WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner Gas	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		The Steve Wilkos Show (N)	
ENC	★ Bio-Dome (1996)				★★ The Shaggy Dog (2006)			★★ When a Stranger Calls (2006)			★★ Phantoms (1998)				★★½ The Hard Way (1991)			
HBO	★★★ Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire			Countdown	Inside the NFL		Autopsy: Postmortem With		The Wire		Real Sex Xtra	G-String Divas	Inside the NFL		★★½ Beverly Hills Cop III (1994)			
MAX	★★½ You, Me and Dupree (2006)				★★★ Sea of Love (1989)				★★ The Sentinel (2006)				Bedtime	Naked Surrender (2006)			★★½ The Ringer (2005)	
SHOW	★★½ Keeping Mum (2006)			★★½ The Confessor (2004) Premiere.			★★½ Lucky Number Slevin (2006)				The L Word		★★★ Dick (1999)			2001 Maniacs (2005)		
STARZ	Rushmore	★★★ Gridiron Gang (2006)				On the Set	★★★ Independence Day (1996) Earthlings vs. evil aliens in 15-mile-wide ships.				★★★½ Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (2000)					★★★ Apocalypto (2006)		
TMC	★★★ A Perfect World (1993)				★½ A Night at the Roxbury (1998)			★★ Man About Town (2006)			Keeping Up	Five Girls (2006)				★★ Streets of Legend (2003)		

FEATURES

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Christian Mothers and Ladies, St. Timothy and Seven Dolors

Twenty-two members of the Christian Mothers and Ladies of the Partner Parishes of Seven Dolors, Yukon, and St. Timothy, Smithton, gathered for the first meeting of the New Year.

Kelli Ritz, president, welcomed the women to the meeting and asked Babe Milovac to begin the meeting with the rosary. Milovac also read a poem.

Minutes of the November meeting were read by Ruth Erhardt. Treasurer reports by Erhardt, St. Timothy, and Bern Brewer, Seven Dolors, were given. All reports were approved as written.

Modestina Grkman and Mitzie Garino reported that they had sent 19 get well, sympathy and thank you cards to parishioners. Mary Kelly, vice president, read the many thank you cards received since the last meeting.

Garino reported on the visit to Tender Loving Care in West Newton. Gifts were distributed. Those who visited TLC were Vicki Dongilli, Mary Orlandi, Ruth Babilya, Garino, Kitty Hynek, Ethel Kostik.

Kelly reported on the poultry bingo held in November by the Christian Mothers from Seven Dolors.

Dorothy Bolbrich said the Christmas party held at the Willow Room went very well despite the bad weather.

Winners in the Thanksgiving basket raffle were Margaret Kearney from Seven Dolors and Sara Carver won the St. Timothy basket.

Looking ahead to May, Ritz asked for volunteers for the Mother Daughter banquet. Volunteering were Margaret Kearney, chairwoman, Kelly, Bern Brewer, Lucille Nelson, Garino, Hynek, Mary Orlandi, Vicki Dongilli.

Seven Dolors Christian Mothers decided to hold a Souper Sunday again this year in lieu of the Easter basket ticket. Ritz will take charge of purchasing and distributing the tickets at St. Timothy. As usual, items that will be donated for the basket may be brought to Garino's residence.

The prizes for attendance at meetings were picked. Grkman won first, Wanda DiVirgilio, second, and Garino won third prize. Helen Shott volunteered to do the attendance report for the coming year.

In lieu of a grab bag at the Christmas party, each woman made a donation to a fund which would be distributed to the three fire companies in the region. Approval was given to round out the amount given and each fire company will receive $100.

Seven Dolors Christian Mothers gave approval to make a donation to the Seven Dolors Cemetery and also to make a donation to the purchase of oil.

There were two birthdays in December, Garino and Regina Davanzo.

Margaret Kearney and Clara Zulian served nut rolls and Amish bread.

Fayette City Goldenagers

The regular December meeting was held at the Center on the Hill in Washington Township. Betty Savarino, chaplain, led members in the Pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer.

The Lunch Committee included Loretta Mitchner, Evelyn Bobbs, Martha Kobaly, Shirley Demko and Mary Nega. They were assisted by Jim Savarino, George Fugo and Leo Potesik.

Following lunch, a short meeting was led by Shirley Fugo, president. Stella Kroskie, secretary, and Mary Braddock, treasurer, gave their reports. Shirley Fugo reported on cards sent to members.

Meeting days have changed from Wednesday to Thursday, beginning with the Feb. 21, 2008 meeting. Location and time remain the same.

New officers will be installed during the January 2008 meeting.

Volunteers for the January meeting include: Rose Kander, Rose Delia, Swannee Sopsick and Joan Krolik.

Each member received a Christmas gift from the organization.

Door prize winners were Rose Marie Knox, Loretta Mitchner, Frank Delia, Edith Weaver, Betty Maguire, Rose Delia, Shirley Mavrikas, George Leasure, Don Mitchner and Ann Strelinski.

Stella Kroskie, prior to resigning as secretary, thanked members for making her position as Travel Lady a memorable experience.

Betty Savarino read several Christmas poems, and the remainder of the afternoon was spent playing games.

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2. Color or black/white 4x6 photos will be accepted. Photos can not be returned, but will be available for pick up from April 1, 2008 through April, 30, 2008 at the Valley Independent.
3. All entries must be received by 4:30 pm on Thursday Jan. 31, 2008
4. Only one pet per photo and one photo per entry will be accepted. We will not accept any photo containing humans.
5. Valley Independent readers will cast their votes for their favorite pet photos by ballots made available in the Valley Independent publication, online at http://www.valleyindependent.com/ or at the main lobby of the Valley Independent.
6. Contest will consist of three voting rounds. First round will commence Tuesday, February 11, 2008 and voting will close at 4:30 pm on Friday, February 22, 2008. Round two, consisting of top vote recipients, will commence on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 and voting will close at 4:30 pm on Friday, March 14, 2008. Round three, consisting of top vote recipients, will commence on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 and voting will close at 4:30 pm on Friday, March 28, 2008. Winners will be announced on April 8, 2008.
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11. Additional rules and regulations may apply.

CALENDAR WATCH

Friday

■ Clothing ministry, Fellowship Baptist Church, Monessen, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ League of Women Voters of Washington County legislative luncheon, Southpointe Golf Club, 11:30 a.m.

■ Monessen High School Class of 1953 reunion planning meeting, St. Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church, Monessen, 6:30 p.m.

■ ARC Mon Valley dance, Speers Borough Building, canceled.

■ Fire Chiefs' Association of Westmoreland County meeting, Norvelt Volunteer Fire Department, 7:30 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Night at the Races planned in Charleroi

Charleroi Knights of Columbus will hold a Night at the Races 7 p.m. Saturday at Marian Hall of Mary, Mother of the Church, Seventh Street and Washington Avenue, Charleroi. The charge will include admission, food and beverage. Tickets will be sold at the door. For information, call (724) 483-9416.

SOAR to meet in Charleroi

The next meeting of S.O.A.R. Chapter 15-12 will be held 1 p.m. Monday at the Charleroi Fire Hall.

BVA School Board to meet Monday

The Belle Vernon Area School Board will meet Monday at the District Administration Office as follows: agenda meeting, the architect will make a presentation at 7 p.m. with the agenda meeting to follow, and at 8 p.m. the regular meeting will be held.

Conservation district schedules events

The Westmoreland Conservation District will offer the following events in the month of January:

Jan. 23 – 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Southwestern PA Tillage Conference, Giannilli's II, Route 30, Greensburg. Contact Bobbi at (724) 853-5555, extension 116 or bobbi.bailey@pa.usda.gov.

Jan. 25 – 7:30 a.m. to noon, Construction Site Inspectors' Short Course; Verifying proper Installation of Site controls, Westmoreland Conservation District, Greensburg. Contact Christie at (724) 837-5271, ext. 210 or Christie@wcdpa.com.

Authority board to meet Tuesday

The Authority of the Borough of Charleroi will have a board meeting 4 p.m. Tuesday at the authority office.

BVA Band Parents, Boosters to meet

The Belle Vernon Area Band Parents and Booster Organization will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school music room.

Valley Seniors Club to meet

Members of the Valley Seniors Club will meet 1 p.m. Tuesday at Riverside Place, Charleroi.

Free concert set at Center in the Woods

36 Madison Avenue, Drew University's award-winning a cappella group will perform a free concert at the Center n the Woods, California, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday as part of its East Coast tour. To sign up for the event, stop at the front desk or call (724) 938-3554.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Monessen Library Friends

Friends of the Monessen Public Library and District Center met at the library Dec. 3.

Secretary Helen Manning read minutes of the previous meeting, and the treasurer's report was given by Deborah Gregar.

Discussion centered on the upcoming "Swing into Spring" concert by the big band sound of Graham Grubb Orchestra on April 6. Contact the library at (724) 684-4750 for ticket information.

$7,500 was donated to the library for various 2008 projects.

Children's librarian Jenise Sileo was introduced.

The next meeting will be held 7 p.m. Jan. 28 at the library. New members are welcome.

CRAFT OF THE WEEK

Learn tole painting as you go

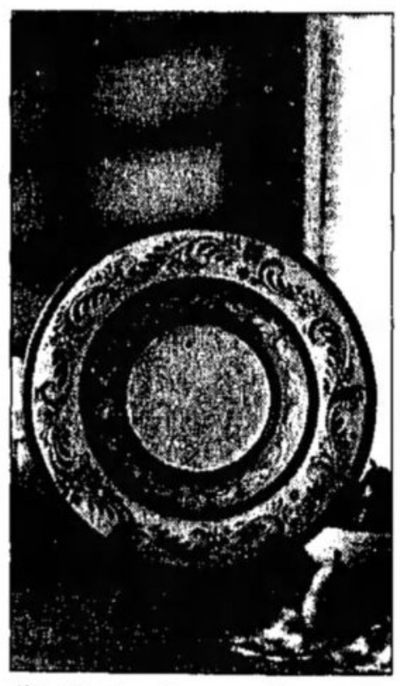
One of the oldest and most popular decorative painting techniques, tole painting is characterized by loading a brush with two or more colors to apply the basecoat, shading and highlighting in one continuous stroke. The method gets its name from "tole," the French word for tin—one of the first surfaces commonly embellished by tole painters.

If you've ever wanted to learn this venerable and lovely technique but didn't know where to start, look no further. A new, full-color, 52-page guidebook, "I Can't Believe I'm Tole Painting," features seven lovely projects designed to teach you the technique as you go.

A section of general instructions covers the basics—tools and supplies; preparing the surface, transferring patterns and finishing the surface; and the strokes that are the key to tole painting. Each project, designed to help you master these basics, includes a materials list, step-by-step directions and a color worksheet that shows you how to paint the design using progressive, step-by-step illustrations. The book is rounded out by a sheet of full-size patterns.

Designs include "Fall Strokework Plate" (pictured) plus two boxes, a clock, a basket and two trays.

The "I Can't Believe I'm Tole Painting" guidebook, No. LA22635, is $14.95. You can find 19 other decorative painting projects for beginners in a 45-page guidebook, "I Can't Believe I'm Painting," No. LA22566, for $11.95. Please include $4 for postage and handling and allow about two weeks for delivery.



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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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Today's clue: T equals K

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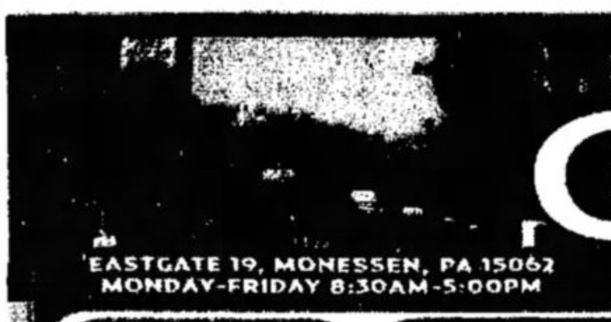
■ **Dzik** – Cassandra and William, Charleroi, a son, Richard Michael, Dec. 24, 2007, Magee-Womens Hospital, Pittsburgh. Maternal grandmother is Sandra Schaming, of Monessen. Paternal grandmother is Virginia Dzik, of Charleroi. This is the couple's first child.



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US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE CFSB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-HE11 C/O SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC.

Plaintiff

Vs

EILEEN G. CORDERO,

Defendant

BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF EXECUTION TO CASE NO. 2006-4575

ISSUED TO PLAINTIFF US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE CFSB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-HE11 C/O SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC

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PIN NUMBER, WHICH IS THE ASSESSMENT OR PARCEL NO., MAP, BLOCK AND LOT) 540-007-02-00-0058.00

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1/3,10,17

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Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for The Holders of HSI Asset Securitization Corporation Trust 2006-HE2,

Plaintiff

Vs

Frank Kruki a/k/a Frank R. Kruki,

Defendant

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U.S. Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of the Home Equity Asset Trust 2003-6, Home Equity Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-6,

Plaintiff

Vs

Allan Kennell, Jr. aka Allan E. Kennel, Jr. (real owner and mortgagor) and Lori Kennell (mortgagor),

Defendants

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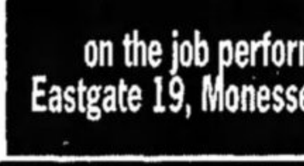
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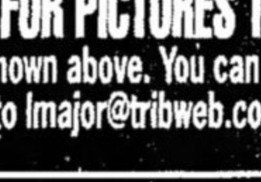
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Adopting a poor attitude will make unpleasant tasks harder than they need be or make difficult jobs assigned to you impossible to complete. The only way to be productive is to maintain a positive bearing.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- It is apt to be one of those times when no matter how hard others try they won't be able to please you; however, unless you turn that around, you could damage a friendship or two. Be grateful instead of critical.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Be sure to share the credit and benefits equally with those who participated in the successful completion of an endeavor. If you attempt to take all the bows, there will be no one around to help the next time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Once you begin a project, do everything possible to make certain you see it through to completion. If you lack the necessary tenacity and sense of purpose, you won't stick it out to any kind of successful conclusion.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - It is much too easy to contribute to our own defeat by trying to do things that oppose our better judgment -- and if you are not careful, this may be the case for you. Be mindful not to function in this modus operandi.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Any problems with which you are now contending will be essentially due to your own making. It is apt to be because you see others as your adversaries instead of allies. Reverse this thinking.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- By dwelling on old errors, failures or unproductive activities, you will unconsciously repeat this behavior. Get your head turned around and live in the "now" -- or suffer the consequences of being negative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Those upon whom you normally depend won't be around to bail you out just when you need them the most. The sooner you realize you are on your own, the better it will be for you.

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U S Bank National Association as Trustee,

Plaintiff

Vs

Lana Bogo a/k/a Lana L Bogo,

Defendant

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon erected situate in the Cross Creek Township, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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SHERIFF SALES

Abstracts of properties taken in execution upon the writs shown, at the number and term shown, as the properties of the severally named defendants, owners or reputed owners, and to be sold by SAMUEL L ROMANO, Sheriff of Washington County, Pennsylvania on FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2008 at 10 00 o'clock A M in Public Meeting Room 104, Courthouse Square Building, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, Pennsylvania Ten (10%) percent of the purchase money (but not less than Sheriff's costs), shall be paid on the day of the sale and the balance on or before WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2008 at 4 00 o'clock P M

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(COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES ARE ON FILE IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT COURTHOUSE SQUARE, 100 WEST BEAU STREET ROOM #303, WASHINGTON, PA)

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BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWMBS, INC CWMBS REPERFORMING LOAN REMIC TRUST CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R2

Plaintiff

Vs

JAMES A CIBRONE
GLORY ANN CIBRONE,

Defendants

FIRST All that certain tract of land situate in Union Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania bounded and described as follows

Beginning at a point in the center of a public road leading from Venetia to State Highway No 88 at the northern line of a 2 ½ acre tract conveyed to George Gilbert Rostosky, Et Us, thence along George Gilbert Rostosky, Et Ux, line south 34 degrees 30' west 300 feet property now or formerly of John E Garvin, Et Al, thence along said Garvin property north 73 degrees 30' west 87 58 feet, thence north 34 degrees 40' east 300 feet to the center of the public road above mentioned thence along said public road, south 73 degrees 30' east 87 58 feet to the point of beginning

SECOND All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Union Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, being more fully bounded and described as follows

Beginning at a point which said point is the northwest corner of the lands of the grantors herein conveyed to them by deed of Andrew A Rostosky, Jr , Et Ux Et Al , by deed dated April 1, 1961, and recorded in deed book volume 1099, page 432, which point is common to the southerly side of a public road known as Mingo Church Road and the northeast corner of lands of the grantees herein; thence from said point south 34 degrees 40' west 17 00 feet to the point of beginning of the within described parcel; thence from said point of beginning south 23 degrees 45' west, 124 80 feet to a point at an iron pin, thence south 43 degrees 02' 01" west, 162 18 feet (south 43 degrees 04' west, 162 10 feet on prior deed) to a point at an iron pipe on line of lands now or formerly Andrew Funtal, thence along the lands now of the grantees herein, north 34 degrees 40' east, 283 00 feet to a point at the place of beginning By deed dated 03/28/2003, recorded 03/31/2003

TAX PARCEL NO 640-011-00-00-0044-00

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FIRST HORIZON HOME LOANS A DIVISION OF FIRST TENNESSEE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

Plaintiff

Vs

WAYNE ADAM STASKO,

Defendant

ALL that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the Village of Gastonville, Township of Union, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania bounded and described as follows, to-wit

BEGINNING at a post at the Northwest corner of lot (said point of beginning being also at the Southwest corner of land formerly of S Lewis), thence extending Eastwardly 45 feet to a point, thence Southwardly 104 feet to a point, thence Eastwardly 115 feet to a point in line of land now of E Ostrander, thence Southwardly 26 feet to a point in line of land now of A Sessi, thence Westwardly 160 feet to a point thence Northwardly along the Eastern side of land now of A Sessi 130 feet to the point or place of beginning

ALSO, all the right, title, interest property, estate, claim and demand whatsoever of the said party of the first part hereto, of, in and to a strip of ground 18 feet wide extending from the Eastern side of the lot or parcel of land hereinabove described, Eastwardly to the public road (which said public road leads from Gastonville toward Huston Run), and uses as a right-of-way as said strip of ground is described in and Article of Agreement between William Esles and J J Weinel, Sr , dated March 20 1902 and subject to the conditions set forth in said Article of Agreement

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BEING the same premises granted and conveyed unto John G Sargent, unmarried, by deed from Iva B Siler, a widow dated December 13, 1993 and of record in DBV 2562 page 276

Premises 3752 FINLEYVILLE ELRAMA ROAD, FINLEYVILLE, PA 15332

TAX PARCEL #640-009-01-03-0010-00

TITLE TO SAID PREMISES IS VESTED IN Wayne Adam Stasko, by Deed from John G Sargent and Deborah Sargent, a married couple, dated 11/12/2003, recorded 11/17/2003, in Deed Mortgage Inst# 200348515 Source of Title ,,200348515 (Recorded 11/17/03)

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SOUTHERN BELTWAY TRANSPORTATION PROJECT
I-79 to Mon/Fayette Expressway
Washington County
Release of the
Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Section 404 Permit Application
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

US Army Corps of Engineers

All interested persons are advised that the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Clean Water Act of 1977, as amended, have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)/Section 404 Permit Application for the Southern Beltway Transportation Project from I-79 to Mon/Fayette Expressway.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 24, 2008 at Canon-McMillan Senior High School, Elm Street Ext., Canonsburg, PA.

OPEN HOUSE: 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
An informational area and plans display will be available from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. PTC representatives will be available to review the findings and answer questions on the DEIS/Section 404 Permit Application. Information regarding effects on historic and archaeological resources will also be provided pursuant to Section 106 requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act.

FORMAL PRESENTATION: 6:00 PM
There will be a formal presentation to describe the project alternatives, environmental impacts, right-of-way acquisition procedures, and the information included in the DEIS/Section 404 Permit Application. The opportunity to provide public oral testimony will follow the formal presentation. Those individuals who wish to give public oral testimony will be able to pre-register for a maximum five-minute speaking allotment. You may also give private oral or written testimony regarding this project anytime between the hours of 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM at the public hearing or submit written comments anytime during the comment period to the address shown below.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO PRE-REGISTER FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY:
Contact Lisa Yackovich/Public Involvement Coordinator, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, Western Regional Office, 2200 North Center Avenue, New Stanton, PA 15672-9602. Phone: (724) 755-5261, Fax: (724) 755-5142.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)/Section 404 Permit Application is available for review on the PA Turnpike Commission's Project Website at www.paturnpike.com/MonFaySB/

This public hearing location is accessible to persons having disabilities. Any persons requiring special assistance are requested to contact Lisa Yackovich/Public Involvement Coordinator, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission at (724) 755-5261 prior to the hearing.

The DEIS/Section 404 Permit Application is available for review from December 14, 2007 to February 8, 2008 during regular business hours at the following location:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Affairs Office William S. Moorhead Federal Building 1000 Liberty Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186	Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Administration Building 700 South Eisenhower Boulevard Middletown, PA 17057	Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Western Regional Office 2200 North Center Avenue New Stanton, PA 15672-9602	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation – District 12-0 825 North Gallatin Avenue Ext. Uniontown, PA 15401
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation - District 11-0 45 Thoms Run Road Bridgeville, PA 15017	Allegheny County Dept. of Economic Development 425 Sixth Avenue, Suite 800 Reg. Business Enterprise Tower Pittsburgh, PA 15219	Washington County Planning Commission Courthouse Square 100 West Beau Street, Suite 701 Washington, PA 15301	Canonsburg Borough 68 East Pike Street Canonsburg, PA 15317
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Greater Canonsburg Public Library 68 East Pike Street Canonsburg, PA 15317	Peters Township Public Library 616 East McMurray Road McMurray, PA 15317	South Fayette Public Library 515 Millers Run Road Morgan, PA 15064	Please note that no comments will be accepted by e-mail.

WRITTEN STATEMENT concerning the DEIS for this project should be submitted on or before 4:00 P.M. Friday, February 8, 2008 to:
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
P. O. Box 67676
Harrisburg, PA 17106-7676
ATTN: Mr. David P. Willis, Environmental Manager

WRITTEN STATEMENT concerning the Draft Section 404 Permit Application for this project should be submitted on or before 4:00 P.M., Friday, February 8, 2008 to:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Pittsburgh District
William S. Moorhead Federal Building
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
ATTN: Mr. Scott A. Hans, Acting Chief Regulatory Branch

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF THE
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
SECTION 404 PERMIT APPLICATION
FOR THE
SOUTHERN BELTWAY TRANSPORTATION PROJECT
I-79 TO MON/FAYETTE EXPRESSWAY
WASHINGTON COUNTY

All interested persons are advised that the United States Army Corps of Engineers, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Clean Water Act of 1977, as amended, have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)/Section 404 Permit Application for the Southern Beltway Transportation Project from I-79 to the Mon/Fayette Expressway in Washington County, Pennsylvania.

The DEIS addresses the 13-mile Southern Beltway Transportation Project from I-79 in northeastern Washington County to the Mon/Fayette Expressway near Finleyville, PA. Three toll road alternatives in Section 1 (Purple, Tan, and Green (Option 1A and Option 1B)) and three alternatives in Section 2 (Tan, Red, and Tan-Red), in addition to the No Build Alternative, were developed and carried into detailed studies. Descriptions of these alternatives; the results of the engineering, traffic, and environmental studies; and the environmental impacts of the alternatives are presented in the DEIS. The DEIS identifies the Green Alternative (Option 1A) in Section 1 and the Tan-Red Alternative in Section 2 as the Recommended Preferred Alternative. However, the final decision on a Preferred Alternative will not be made until all comments on the DEIS/Section 404 Permit Application and comments received at the Public Hearing are fully evaluated.

The United States Army Corps of Engineers, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, has determined that jurisdictional wetlands and/or other waters of the United States that are regulated by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, will be affected by the project. The DEIS contains a draft application for a Section 404 Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the proposed discharge of dredged, excavated and/or fill materials into waters of the United States associated with the proposed highway. The decision as to whether to issue the Section 404 Permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed project on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for the protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposed project, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors that may be relevant to the proposed project will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those factors are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, safety, food and fiber production, as well as the general needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, will hold a Public Hearing on January 24, 2008, at the Canon-McMillan Senior High School, Elm Street Extension, Canonsburg, PA.

An open house will be held at the Public Hearing from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to allow citizens to review the alternatives and environmental analyses that were conducted for the Southern Beltway Transportation Project from I-79 to the Mon/Fayette Expressway. Information regarding effects on historic and archaeological resources will also be provided pursuant to Section 106 requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act.

A formal presentation will be made by representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to describe the project alternatives, environmental impacts and right-of-way acquisition procedures beginning at 6:00 p.m. Following this presentation, an opportunity will be provided for the public to present views, opinions and information that will be considered by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission for the proposed project.

Those individuals who wish to give public oral testimony may pre-register for a maximum five-minute speaking allotment by calling Lisa Yackovich/Public Involvement Coordinator, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission at 724-755-5261.

Public officials and the general public will also have the opportunity to provide private oral testimony (tape recorded or transcribed by a stenographer) and written testimony from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)/Section 404 Permit Application is available for review on the PA Turnpike Commission's Project Website at www.paturnpike.com/MonFaySB

The DEIS/Section 404 Permit Application is available for review and comment from December 14, 2007, to February 8, 2008, during regular business hours at the following locations:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Public Affairs Office
William S. Moorhead Federal Building
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
Administration Building
700 S. Eisenhower Blvd.
Middletown, PA 17057

Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
Western Regional Office
2200 North Center Avenue
New Stanton, PA 15672-9602

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
District 11-0
45 Thoms Run Road
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
District 12-0
825 North Gallatin Avenue Extension
Uniontown, PA 15401

Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
Regional Enterprise Tower
425 Sixth Street, Suite 800
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Washington County Planning Commission
Courthouse Square
100 West Beau Street, Suite 701
Washington, PA 15301

Bridgeville Public Library
441 Station Street
Bridgeville, PA 15013

Carnegie Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
4724 Baum Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Chartiers-Houston Public Library
730 West Grant Street
Houston, PA 15342

Canonsburg Borough
68 East Pike Street
Canonsburg, PA 15317

Cecil Township
3599 Millers Run Road, Suite 101
Cecil, PA 15321

Finleyville Borough
3515 Washington Avenue
Finleyville, PA 15332

North Strabane Township
1929 Route 519
Canonsburg, PA 15317

Nottingham Township
909 Sugar Run Road
Eighty-Four, PA 15330

Peters Township
610 East McMurray Road
McMurray, PA 15317

South Fayette Township
515 Millers Run Road
Morgan, PA 15064

Union Township
3904 Finley-Elrama Road
Finleyville, PA 15064

Andrew Carnegie Free Library
300 Beechwood Avenue
Carnegie, PA 15106

Citizens Library
55 South College Street #2
Washington, PA 15301

Greater Canonsburg Public Library
68 East Pike Street
Canonsburg, PA 15317

Peters Township Public Library
616 E. McMurray Road
McMurray, PA 15317

South Fayette Public Library
515 Millers Run Road
Morgan, PA 15064

Any written comments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be submitted to:

Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
P. O. Box 67676
Harrisburg, PA 17106-7676
Attn: Mr. David P. Willis, Environmental Manager

Any written comments concerning the Draft Section 404 Permit Application should be submitted to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Pittsburgh District
William S. Moorhead Federal Building
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
Attn: Mr. Scott A. Hans, Acting Chief, Regulatory Branch

The comment period for the DEIS/Section 404 Permit Application will close on February 8, 2008. All comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. on February 8, 2008. No comments will be accepted via e-mail.

The Public Hearing location is accessible to persons having disabilities. Any persons requiring special assistance are requested to contact Lisa Yackovich/Public Involvement Coordinator, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission at 724-755-5261 prior to the hearing.

When all comments on the DEIS and from the Public Hearing are analyzed and addressed, the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will be prepared. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Administration will then make the FEIS available for a public review and comment period prior to preparation of the Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD is a concise public record of the Federal agency's decision concerning the approval of the Selected Alternative for the project.

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SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-5032 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 1, 2008

[illegible]

Plaintiff

Vs

[illegible]

Defendants

ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF [illegible]

Defendant

ALL that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Carroll, County of Washington and State of Pennsylvania, more particularly described as follows

BEGINNING at a point 260 feet from the property line of Edgar Isabell and Norma Isabell, his wife, thence North 39 degrees 16' East 300 feet to a point on other lands of Grantors, thence North 50 degrees 44' West 250 feet, more or less to a line of lands now or formerly of Coulter, thence South 76 degrees 48' 30" West, for a distance of 175 feet, more or less to a point on other lands of the Grantors, thence South 39 degrees 16' West 200 feet, more or less, to line of property now or formerly of Patrick Jones and Bessie Jones, his wife, thence South 50 degrees 44' East for a distance of 280 feet, more or less, to the property line of Edgar Isabell and Norma Isabell, his wife, the place of beginning

PARCEL TWO

ALL that certain tract or parcel of land situate in the Township of Carroll, Washington County, Pennsylvania, more particularly bounded and described as follows

BEGINNING at a point which is the terminus of a line referred to as South 75 degrees 46' 30" West 917.87 feet to a point; thence from said place of beginning, North 76 degrees 48' 30" East, a distance of 361.77 feet to a point at a pin, thence severing other lands of Barney D. Stephens, et us, South 50 degrees 44' 00" East a distance of 444.76 feet to a point at a railroad spike at or near the center line of a private lane; thence along the same, South 45 degrees 51' 20" West, a distance of 154.50 feet to a point in line of lands now or formerly of Patrick Jones; thence North 50 degrees 44' 00" West, a distance of 450.00 feet to a point at an iron pin; thence along the same, North 84 degrees 46' 00" West, a distance of 238.30 feet to a point at an iron pin at the place of beginning herein

Source of Title.... 2726, 514 (Recorded: 07/28/1995)

Premises: 7 ODESSA DRIVE CHARLEROI, PA 15022

TAX PARCEL #130-011-00-00-0013-01

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff 1/3,10,17

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-5988 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 1, 2008

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-FFH3, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FFH3
Plaintiff

Vs

BRUCE A. ANDERSON
CHERYL ANDERSON
Defendants

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot of ground situate in the Seventh (7th) Ward of the City of Washington, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, designated as the northeast end of Lot No. 214 in the plan of lots laid out by Jonathan Allison, et al., and called Allison & Company's Addition to Washington, Pennsylvania, as recorded in the Recorder's Office of Washington County in Plan Book Volume 2, page 110, said lot of ground hereby conveyed being thus described.

BOUNDED on the Northwest by Second Street, on the Northeast by Alley D, on the Southeast by Lot No. 213, and on the southwest by the line of the remainder of said Lot No. 214, being 60 feet in front of said Second Street and extending back of even width along the line of Alley D, a distance of 50 feet to Lot No. 213

BEING DESIGNATED AS TAX MAP PARCEL: 770-003-00-01-0002-00, AND;

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot of ground situate in the Seventh (7th) Ward of the City of Washington, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being part of Lot No. 213 of Allison Land Company Addition to Washington Plan recorded in Plan Book 2, Page 110, as subdivided in the Hornickel Subdivision dated October, 1999, and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Washington County, in Plan Book 43, Page 33, and more particularly bounded and described as follows to-wit:

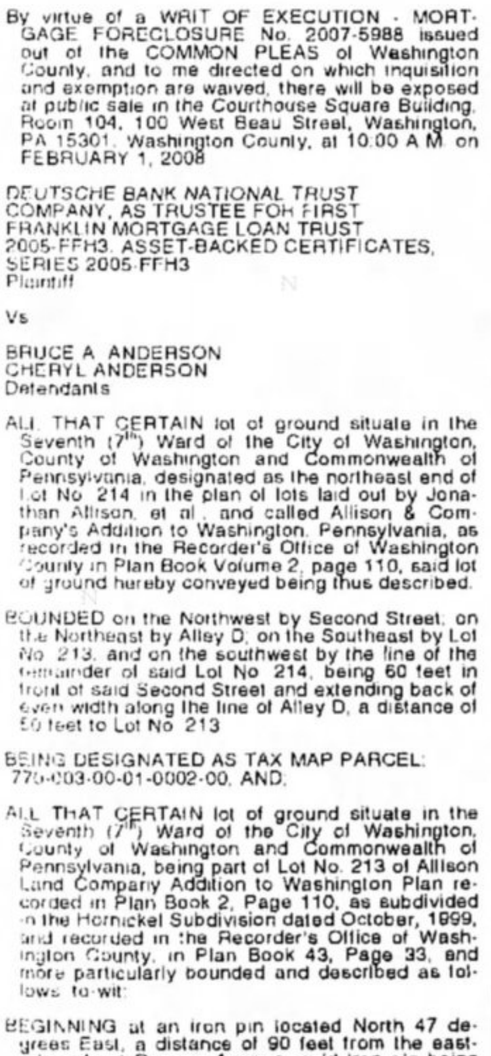
BEGINNING at an iron pin located North 47 degrees East, a distance of 90 feet from the easterly side of Donnan Avenue, said iron pin being on the dividing line of Lot No. 213 and Lot No. 212, thence from said point of beginning North 47 degrees East, a distance of 60 feet to an iron pin; thence South 43 degrees East, a distance of 50 feet to an iron pin; thence South 47 degrees West, a distance of 60 feet to an iron pin; and thence North 43 degrees West, a distance of 50 feet to an iron pin, the place of beginning.

BEING DESIGNATED AS TAX MAP PARCEL: 770-003-00-01-0023-01

BEING KNOWN AS: 340 Second Street, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301

SUBJECT to prior grants and reservations of coal, oil, gas, mining rights, and to rights of way, easements, restrictions, reservations and exceptions as set forth in prior instruments of record

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff 1/3,10,17



SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-7723 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 1, 2008

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC
Plaintiff

Vs

DANIEL S. POE
Defendant

ALL that certain parcel of ground situate in Burgettstown Borough, Washington County, Pennsylvania, more particularly bounded and described as

BEGINNING at a point on the northwest side of Main Street (Pa. Route 18, formerly Washington Street), distant 5 feet North 6 degrees 4 minutes West from the northeast corner of lands formerly of Dr. J.C. Nesbitt; thence by lands formerly of Samuel J. Ghrist, et al., by a line parallel with the line of said Dr. J.C. Nesbitt and the extension thereof, North 89 degrees 30 minutes West, 282.4 feet to a stone on the eastern boundary line of the right of way now or formerly of the Burgetts Branch of the PCC&StL Railway, thence by said right of way line, North 0 degree 33 minutes West, 181.3 feet to a stone at the corner of lands granted by Samuel J. Ghrist, et al to Dr. S.L. McCullough; thence by line of said lands, South 89 degrees 30 minutes East, 265.2 feet to a point on the northwest line of Main Street; thence by said Main Street, South 6 degrees 4 minutes East, 182.7 feet to the place of beginning

EXCEPTING AND RESERVING *therefrom* those two parcels of land previously conveyed by deeds of Margaret J. White to (1) Harry Saevitz, dated September 7, 1921, recorded in Deed Book Volume 493, page 478; and (2) D.C. Dowden, dated October 3, 1921, recorded in Deed Book Volume 493, page 634.

UNDER and SUBJECT to existing rights of way for said Main Street, for water, gas, electricity, phone, cable television, storm water drainage, and the easement for sewer lines of Burgettstown Smith Township Joint Sewage Authority as stated in Deed Book Volume 3269, at page 385 (Instument #199800815), and such other easements as may be visible upon the property

Source of Title... 200539350 (Recorded: 11/28/2005)

Premises: 1336 MAIN STREET BURGETTSTOWN, PA 15021

TAX PARCEL: #070-023-00-00-0006-00

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff 1/3,10,17

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SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-3841 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 1, 2008

MorEquity, Inc.
Plaintiff

Vs

Kelley G. Sprowls
Defendant

ALL the right, title, interest and claim of Kelley G. Sprowls

Of in and to

MUNICIPALITY: Township of Canton

ADDRESS: 752 Findley Street, Washington, PA 15301

PARCEL I.D. NO. 120-011-09-02-0006-00

PLAN OF LOTS/LOT# Lots 733 and 734 in the plan of lots known as the Gordon Land Company's Plan No. 1 as recorded in the Recorder's Office of Washington County, Pennsylvania in PBV 2 Page 173

IMPROVEMENTS: A residential dwelling

DEED BOOK VOL PG# (or) INSTRUMENT# 200212199

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff 1/3,10,17

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-7690 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 1, 2008

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC
Plaintiff

Vs

DANIEL S. POE
Defendant

ALL that certain parcel of ground situate in Burgettstown Borough, Washington County, Pennsylvania, more particularly bounded and described as

BEGINNING at a point on the northwest side of Main Street (Pa. Route 18, formerly Washington Street), distant 5 feet North 6 degrees 4 minutes West from the northeast corner of lands formerly of Dr. J.C. Nesbitt; thence by lands formerly of Samuel J. Ghrist, et al., by a line parallel with the line of said Dr. J.C. Nesbitt and the extension thereof, North 89 degrees 30 minutes West, 282.4 feet to a stone on the eastern boundary line of the right of way now or formerly of the Burgetts Branch of the PCC&StL Railway, thence by said right of way line, North 0 degree 33 minutes West, 181.3 feet to a stone at the corner of lands granted by Samuel J. Ghrist, et al to Dr. S.L. McCullough; thence by line of said lands, South 89 degrees 30 minutes East, 265.2 feet to a point on the northwest line of Main Street; thence by said Main Street, South 6 degrees 4 minutes East, 182.7 feet to the place of beginning

EXCEPTING AND RESERVING *therefrom* those two parcels of land previously conveyed by deeds of Margaret J. White to (1) Harry Saevitz, dated September 7, 1921, recorded in Deed Book Volume 493, page 478; and (2) D.C. Dowden, dated October 3, 1921, recorded in Deed Book Volume 493, page 634.

UNDER and SUBJECT to existing rights of way for said Main Street, for water, gas, electricity, phone, cable television, storm water drainage, and the easement for sewer lines of Burgettstown Smith Township Joint Sewage Authority as stated in Deed Book Volume 3269, at page 385 (Instument #199800815), and such other easements as may be visible upon the property

Source of Title... 200539350 (Recorded: 11/28/2005)

Premises: 1336 MAIN STREET BURGETTSTOWN, PA 15021

TAX PARCEL: #070-023-00-00-0006-00

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff 1/3,10,17

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-7755 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 1, 2008

NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF NATIONAL CITY BANK
Plaintiff

Vs

EDWARD HANDICK
Defendant

ALL that certain messuage or lot of ground situate in the City (formerly Borough) of Washington, County of Washington, State of Pennsylvania, on the South Side of Prospect Avenue, on which it fronts fifty (50) feet, and extends back Southward therefrom along the alley, two hundred (200) feet, to Harding Avenue, Being Lot No. 9 in the Le Moyne Addition to the Borough of Washington

Source of Title 200534142 (Recorded: 11/15/2005)

Premises: 54 EAST PROSPECT AVENUE, WASHINGTON, PA 15301

TAX PARCEL #750-016-00-00-0015-00

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff 1/3,10,17

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-7818 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 1, 2008

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas as Trustee and Custodian For EquiFirst Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-1 by Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc as its Attorney-in-fact
Plaintiff

Vs

David Neil Roach
Amanda R. Roach (Mortgagor)
Defendant(s)

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 2007-7818, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee and Custodian for EquiFirst Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-1 by Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc. as its attorney-in-fact vs. David Neil Roach and Amanda R. Roach (Mortgagor), owners of property situate in the TOWNSHIP OF SMITH, Washington County, Pennsylvania, being 307 Pleasant Valley Road (Smith Township), Bulger, PA 15019

Assessment Map No.: 570-010-00-00-0008-021

Assessed Value Figure: $23,525.00

Judgment Amount: $332,109.84

Improvements Thereon: Residential Property

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff 1/3,10,17

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-8272 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 1, 2008

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee and Custodian For Soundview Home Loan Trust 2004-1 by Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc. as its Attorney-in-fact
Plaintiff

Vs

Roy Neil, Sr.
Defendant

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 2007-8272, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee and Custodian for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2004-1 by Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc. as its attorney-in-fact vs. Roy Neil, Sr., owners of property situate in the Township of Jefferson, Washington County, Pennsylvania, being 36 Fire Road, Burgettstown, PA 15021

Assessment Map No.: 380-007-0000-0008-00

Assessed Value Figure: $4,703.00

Judgment Amount: $87,517.51

Improvements Thereon: Residential Property

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff 1/3,10,17

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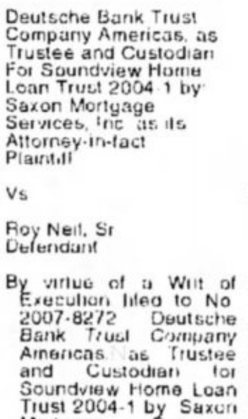

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SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-7852 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 1, 2008

BANK OF AMERICA N.A.
Plaintiff

Vs

TIMOTHY SZIMINSKI, MARYJO SZIMINSKI, SERGIE SZIMINSKI & LINDA M. SZIMINSKI
Defendants

ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

TIMOTHY SZIMINSKI, MARYJO SZIMINSKI, SERGIE SZIMINSKI & LINDA M. SZIMINSKI, OWNERS OR REPUTED OWNERS

All that certain lot of ground in Independence Township, County of Washington, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being Lot No. 34 in the Avella Highlands Plan, and further bounded and described as follows

FRONTING for a distance of 104 feet on the Northerly side of Third Avenue and extending of even width in a northwardly direction a distance of 106 feet bounded on the West by the eastern line of South Avenue, and on the South by the northern line of Third Avenue

SAID lot is comprised of Lots 437 and 438, plus the southerly half of an abandoned twelve foot alley, all in the Pittsburgh Terminal Realization Corporation Plan of record in the Plan Book Volume 7, page 315

Title to said premises vested in Sergie Sziminski and Linda M. Sziminski, husband and wife, and Timothy Sziminski and Mary Jo Sziminski, husband and wife, by Deed from Sergie Sziminski and Linda M. Sziminski, husband and wife, dated 01/27/2004, recorded 02/04/2004, in Deed Mortgage Inst. #200402484

Premises: 3 HOMESTEAD DRIVE, AVELLA, PA 15312

ASSESSMENT: $10,425.00

TAX PARCEL: #370-005-02-03-0018-00

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff 1/3,10,17

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-8226 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 1, 2008

NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF NATIONAL CITY BANK
Plaintiff

Vs

TIMOTHY SZIMINSKI, MARYJO SZIMINSKI, SERGIE SZIMINSKI & LINDA M. SZIMINSKI
Defendants

ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

TIMOTHY SZIMINSKI, MARYJO SZIMINSKI, SERGIE SZIMINSKI & LINDA M. SZIMINSKI, OWNERS OR REPUTED OWNERS

All that certain lot of ground in Independence Township, County of Washington, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being Lot No. 34 in the Avella Highlands Plan, and further bounded and described as follows

FRONTING for a distance of 104 feet on the Northerly side of Third Avenue and extending of even width in a northwardly direction a distance of 106 feet bounded on the West by the eastern line of South Avenue, and on the South by the northern line of Third Avenue

SAID lot is comprised of Lots 437 and 438, plus the southerly half of an abandoned twelve foot alley, all in the Pittsburgh Terminal Realization Corporation Plan of record in the Plan Book Volume 7, page 315

Title to said premises vested in Sergie Sziminski and Linda M. Sziminski, husband and wife, and Timothy Sziminski and Mary Jo Sziminski, husband and wife, by Deed from Sergie Sziminski and Linda M. Sziminski, husband and wife, dated 01/27/2004, recorded 02/04/2004, in Deed Mortgage Inst. #200402484

Premises: 3 HOMESTEAD DRIVE, AVELLA, PA 15312

ASSESSMENT: $10,425.00

TAX PARCEL: #370-005-02-03-0018-00

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff 1/3,10,17

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-8228 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 1, 2008

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC
Plaintiff

Vs

LINDA MARTIN
CHARLES E. MARTIN
MICHAEL AMMONS
JANET AMMONS
Defendants

ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.

LINDA MARTIN, CHARLES E. MARTIN, MICHAEL AMMONS, JANET AMMONS, OWNERS OR REPUTED OWNERS

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PIECE OF GROUND SITUATE IN THE SIXTH WARD OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, BEING KNOWN AS LOT NO. 20 IN THE J.G. HUNT PLAN OF LOTS, AS RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN PLAN BOOK VOLUME 4, PAGE 125

Premises: 82 EAST KATHERINE STREET, WASHINGTON, PA 15301

ASSESSMENT: $5,532.00

TAX PARCEL: #760-021-00-03-0001-00

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff 1/3,10,17

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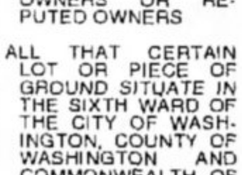

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SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2004-3134 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 1, 2008

Option One Mortgage Corporation,
Plaintiff

Vs

Linda S. Edger,
Defendant

By virtue of a Writ of Execution filed to No. 2004-3134, Option One Mortgage Corporation v. Linda S. Edger, owners of property situate in the Township of Amwell, Washington County, Pennsylvania, being 512 Lone Pine Road, Washington, (Amwell Twp.) PA 15301

Assessment Map No.: 020-014-02-00-0007-00, 020-014-02-00-0009-00

Assessed Value Figure: $9,107.00

Judgment Amount: $122,117.45

Improvements Thereon: Residential Property

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff 1/3,10,17

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-7550 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 1, 2008

LASALLE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2006-HE3
14523 SW Millikan Way, Suite 200, Beaverton, OR 97005
Plaintiff

Vs

DONNER ROSSINI
BRIAN D. ROSSINI
KILEY L. ROSSINI
JEAN U. ROSSINI
Defendants

ALL that certain lot or parcel of land situate in Carroll Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, being parts of Lots Nos. 22 and 23 in the J.E. Null Plan of Lots, recorded in the Recorder's Office of Washington County, Pennsylvania, in Plan Book Volume 1, Page 14, and Lot No. 22A, in Guarinoni Subdivision as recorded in the Recorder's Office of Washington County, Pennsylvania, in Plan Book Volume 34, Page 75, further described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on Meadow Street on the dividing line between Lots No. 21 and Lot No. 22; thence along the dividing line with Lot No. 21, South 03 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 138.75 feet to a point on the dividing line with land now or formerly of Lynn Guarinoni and Eloise Guarinoni, his wife; thence through Lot No. 22, South 89 degrees 16 minutes 50 seconds West, a distance of 50.11 feet to the dividing line with Lot No. 23; thence North 03 degrees 00 minutes 00 second East, a distance of 8.60 feet to a point; thence North 87 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 3 feet to a point; thence North 03 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 130.40 feet to a Meadow Street; thence along Meadow Street, North 87 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds East, a distance of 53 feet to the point at the place of beginning

TAX PARCEL: #130-009-02-01-0030-00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 23 MEADOW STREET MONONGAHELA, PA 15063

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff 1/3,10,17

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-5575 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 1, 2008

U.S. Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of MASTR Asset Back Securities Trust 2005-NC1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-NC1,
Plaintiff

Vs.

Russell L. Rossero a/k/a Russell Rossero (real owner and mortgagor) and Kimberly A. Rossero (mortgagor),
Defendants

All that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the Borough of Midway, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being known as Lot No. 24 in the Grandview Plan of Lots as laid out by James and George McFarlane, as recorded in the Recorder's Office of Washington County, Pennsylvania in Plan Book Volume 4, page 100

Parcel No. 410-015-00-00-0018-01

303 North Avenue, Midway, PA 15060

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff 1/3,10,17

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2006-3134 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 1, 2008

Washington Mutual Bank
Plaintiff

Vs

Geary J. Shipley, Jr.
Defendant

FIRST PARCEL

ALL that certain lot or piece of land situate in the Township of Fallowfield, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows

BEGINNING at a point in the public road leading from Charleroi to Bentleyville, known as State Highway Route 71, said point being North 17 degrees East, 11.15 feet and South 88 degrees West 5.78 feet from a corner in deed of James V. Elifanti, et ux to L.F. Caldwell dated January 2, 1948, recorded in the Recorder's Office of Washington County in Deed Book Volume 736, Page 367, and beginning point also being on Northerly line of land now or late of Nick Shemiloff (see deed of George E. Vetter, et al., to said Nick Shemiloff, dated June 17, 1949, recorded in Deed Book Volume 755, Page 667), thence by said land of Shemiloff, South 88 degrees West, 97.33 feet to the Northwesterly corner of said Shemiloff's land, thence by other lands of George E. Vetter and L.F. Caldwell, the following two courses and distances: North 2 degrees West 60.77 feet and South 85 degrees 33' 40" East, 110.52 feet to a point in said public road, thence by a line in said road and by lands now or late of Robert B. Hager and Mary Y. Hager, his wife, South 12 degrees 28' 40" West, 49.96 feet to the place of BEGINNING.

SECOND PARCEL:

ALL that certain lot or piece of land situate in the Township of Fallowfield, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

Commonly known as Parcel B, being an excerpt of the Radd's Beach Subdivision Plan recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Washington County, Pennsylvania, at Plan Book Volume 45, Page 210, Instrument No. 200519891

TAX IDENTIFICATION NO.: 320-010-02-02-0017-00

1507 Route 481, Charleroi, PA 15022

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff 1/3,10,17

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-7545 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 1, 2008

JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR TRUMAN CAPITAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-1
3451 Hammond Avenue, Suite 150, Waterloo, IA 50702
Plaintiff

Vs.

RICHARD J. DELVAL
Defendant

ALL those two certain lots or parcels of land situate in the Borough of Bentleyville, Washington County, Pennsylvania, known and designated as Lot Nos. Twenty-six (26) and Twenty-seven (27) in the Wright Plan of Lots of Bentleyville, which said plan is recorded in the Recorder's Office of Washington County, Pennsylvania, in Plan Book No. 3, page 11, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the west side of Level Street common to the dividing between Lots Nos. 25 and 26; thence South along the west side of Level Street, 80 feet to the dividing line between Lots Nos. 27 and 28; thence west along said dividing line, 127.1 feet to the Right of Way of the Ellsworth Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad; thence north along said Right of Way, 80.3 feet to the dividing line between Lots 25 and 26; thence east along said dividing line, 123.1 feet to a point on the west side of Level Street at the place of beginning

TAX PARCEL: #040-024-00-01-0024-00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 206 LEVEL STREET BENTLEYVILLE, PA 15314

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WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff

Vs

CHARLES L. BYERS
CRYSTAL J. BYERS
Defendants

ALL that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the Township of East Finley, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania being known as Parcel 1 in the C.A. Ealy Plan as recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Washington County, Pennsylvania in Plan Book Volume 20, Page 523

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Source of Title Instr. #200222839 (Recorded 06/24/2002)

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TAX PARCEL #270-024-00-00-0004-00

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff 1/3,10,17

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-7120 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 1, 2008

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TRUSTEE FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY
Plaintiff

Vs

NIKKI C. SANTO F/K/A NIKKI C. BRIGHT
Defendant

Third Ward of the City of Monongahela, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Lot No. 13, Harrison Place Plan of Lots laid out by W.A. Marshall, S.C. Markell and Robert H. Robinson, recorded Plan Book Volume 3, pages 214 and 215 and also recorded at Plan Book Volume 4, pages 152 and 153.

TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.: 440-013-00-01-0023-00

431 Alexander Street, Monongahela, PA 15063

Samuel F. Romano, Sheriff 1/3,10,17

SHERIFF SALE

By virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE No. 2007-7063 issued out of the COMMON PLEAS of Washington County, and to me directed on which inquisition and exemption are waived, there will be exposed at public sale in the Courthouse Square Building, Room 104, 100 West Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, Washington County, at 10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 1, 2008

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company As Trustee for the Registered Holders of GSAMP Trust 2006-SD1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-SD1
Plaintiff

Vs

Ronald E. Carter and Marilyn C. Carter
Defendants

ALL that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the Borough of McDonald, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING on the West side of South McDonald Street, distant South 00 degrees 35' 00" East 38 feet from a 9 foot alley, which alley adjoins lands now or formerly of Edward Fehl, et ux., and land now or formerly of B.D. Tillinghast, thence along the West side of said South McDonald Street, South 00 degrees 42' 00" East, a distance of 60 feet to a point; thence South 89 degrees 43' 00" West, along line dividing land herein conveyed from land now or formerly of Thomas Carroll, et ux., a distance of 104 feet to a point; thence along line dividing land herein conveyed from land now or formerly of Ralph C. Hardy, North 02 degrees 20' 20" East, a distance of 60.02 feet to a point, thence by line dividing land herein conveyed from land now or formerly of Edward Fehl, et ux., South 89 degrees 43' 00" East, a distance of 104.87 feet, more or less, to a point on the West side of South McDonald Street, at the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

UNDER AND SUBJECT to a right of way of South Penn Oil Company, recorded in Deed Book Volume 495, Page 334, and another right of way recorded in Deed Book Volume 526, Page 417.

TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.: 470-010-00-02-0007-00

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